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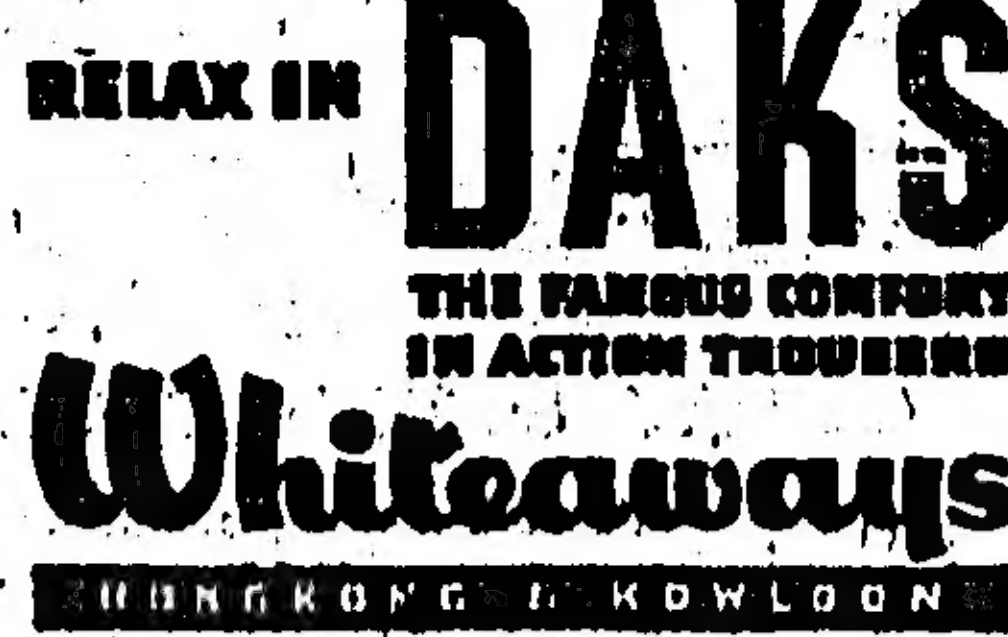


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COMMENT OF THE DAY

PART ANSWER

THE statement issued by the Hongkong Electric Co. Ltd. (published yesterday) goes part of the way to answering public criticism of the surcharge and the recent three per cent reduction. It was surprising to learn the attitude of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese Manufacturers' Union to the company's proposal to allow a leading firm of chartered accountants to investigate the surcharge account.

It may be argued that an auditor's report on a single account is not as penetrating an inquiry as some consider necessary but how far is the non-shareholding public entitled to probe into the affairs of a public company without interfering in its right of independent operation and control?

INTOLERABLE
In the case of a monopoly safeguards against abuses are a fair demand but clearly it would be intolerable if every reckless suspicion were to be publicly investigated. The company's decisions may certainly be questioned and the public deserves a full reply.

So far one company has gone part of the way to answering public criticism. The other has not bothered. What the public is asking for is not an explanation so much as an opportunity to make up its own mind on the recent decisions. Could not actual changes in fuel prices be given instead of the percentage increases and decreases?

CHARITABLE
No specific mention is made of the Hongkong Electric Company's intentions to decrease the surcharge as fuel prices fall. It is implied that the surcharge is geared to fuel costs and adjustments are made accordingly and the charitable assumption is that the company will reduce it at the appropriate time but could not this have been specifically stated to allay public concern?

The company does well to illustrate the cost of electricity for domestic consumers today compared with previous years. Indeed had a full explanation of this kind been given publicly in the first place the surcharge outcry may never have developed. It is a bad habit of many Hongkong firms that big decisions affecting the public are announced without adequate explanation and they have only themselves to blame if misunderstandings and ill-informed criticism develop.

FLIMSY
Another interesting disclosure is that the incidence of the cost of electricity in the basic manufacturing cost of spinning, weaving, plastics and rubber shoes is between 1.5 per cent and 3.6 per cent and that the increased electricity charge in the cost of the completed articles is less than 5 per cent. The argument that the Colony's export industries would be hurt by the increased surcharge was, of course, flimsy. Industry generally has had a fair deal from the Colony's power companies.

MAO INSISTS ON FREE CRITICISM

Special Meeting Of Political Bureau Called

Peking, July 24.

CHINESE Communist President Mao Tse-tung called a special meeting of the Political Bureau and Standing Committee of the Communist Party Central Committee to discuss questions raised by the recent removal of four top Soviet leaders, it was learned in Peking tonight.

The meeting, which lasted 48 hours, was held in Tsingtao, near where Mao is vacationing, and ended today. The meeting also discussed the situation inside China after the recent campaign against "rightist deviationists."

Well-informed sources said Mao told the meeting of results of his recent visit to Shanghai, where he said he found intellectual and non-Communist "progressive" circles extremely reserved, and "sometimes even hostile" to the campaign in China against the minority who criticized the Communist regime during the "rectification campaign."

The sources said that Mao insisted on the necessity of preventing "deviationism" in China and stressed the necessity of continuing the "rectification" movement he launched last April.

BROUGHT TO HALT
This movement, aimed at permitting free criticism to improve the work of the party and government, was brought to a halt during the campaign against "rightists."

Although the decisions taken at the meeting were not yet known, it was believed that Mao threw all his weight into the balance in order to re-establish a situation which was partially compromised by a minority of fanatics in the Communist Party. This minority, it was stated here, lacked political sense and thought the moment had arrived to prove the ascendancy of the "left" faction over the moderate elements within the party—France-Press.

Russian Minister Relieved Of Position

Moscow, July 24.

Mr Mikhail Pervukhin has been relieved of his post of Minister of the Medium Engineering Industry and appointed Chairman of the State Committee for Foreign Economic Relations, Tass said today.

Mr Pervukhin was demoted to a candidate member of the Supreme Soviet on July 3.

Tass said the change was decided by the Supreme Soviet.



MIKHAIL PERVUKHIN

The announcement said: "The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet has decreed the reorganization of the Central Administration for Economic Relations with the peoples' democracies into the State Committee for Foreign Economic Relations."

TARTAN TROUBLE

London, July 24.

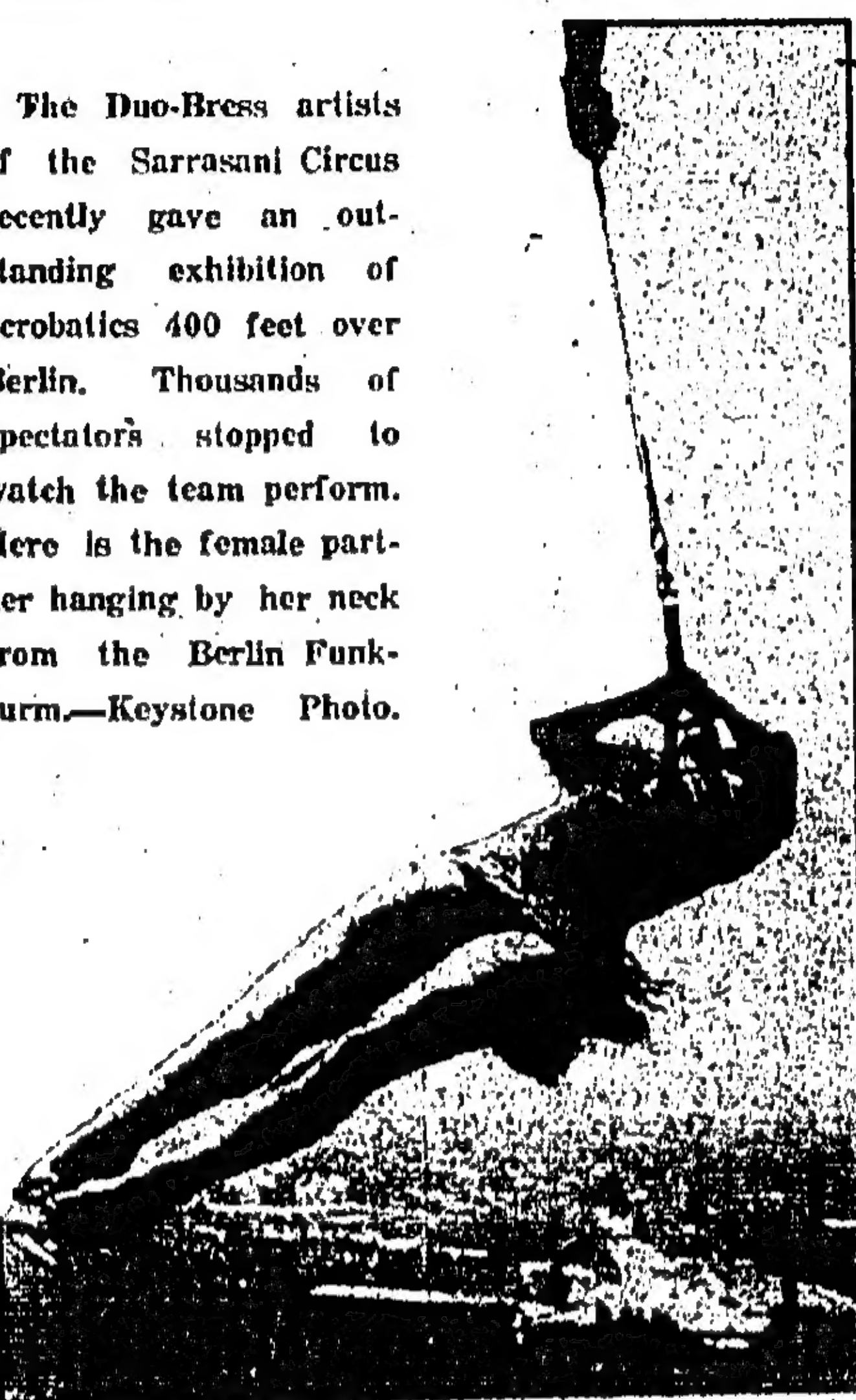
Mr John Haro, the War Minister, told a press conference tonight one of the problems to be sorted out in the amalgamation of regiments was that of dress.

"One of the most difficult marriages I see is that between a Scottish regiment which wears the kilt and a regiment which wears trews (tartan trousers)," he said.

Such problems were being left to the regiments themselves, but if they could not agree then the War Office would have to impose a solution—Reuter.

400 FEET OVER THE TOWN

The Duo-Bress artists of the Sarraani Circus recently gave an outstanding exhibition of acrobatics 400 feet over Berlin. Thousands of spectators stopped to watch the team perform. Here is the female partner hanging by her neck from the Berlin Funkturm.—Keystone Photo.



HILTON HOTEL FOR MOSCOW!

By JOHN MORKA

New York, July 24.

The Soviet Union and Polish interests have approached Hilton Hotels International Inc. about the possibility of setting up an American-managed hotel in Moscow and Warsaw, it was learned here today.

The Soviet inquiries have been made on two different occasions over the past six months.

Robert Dowling, New York financier and a director of the Hilton Hotel chain, recently returned from a trip to Moscow where he discussed the project with Russian officials.

He said the Russians were anxious to attract American visitors and realize they must have modern hotels to accommodate any influx of tourists.

A Hilton hotel in Moscow, he added, however, was "still a long, long shot and not an active thing at present."

Could Change

"However," he added, "it could change overnight."

Meanwhile the Hilton company disclosed that it had out-

lined briefly to the Russians the broad terms under which it might consider operating a hotel in Moscow.

A Hilton official said that the inquiry about a possible hotel in Warsaw was not an official one on behalf of the Polish Government. He described them only as "Polish interests" with "Polish contacts."—United Press.

Royal Tour

London, July 24. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh left London by Royal train tonight to begin their overnight land and sea journey to the Channel Islands for a four-day tour.—Reuter.

HK REFUGEE QUESTION

'LET UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY DISCUSS PROBLEM'

Geneva, July 24.

THE British delegate to the United Nations Economic and Social Council, meeting here today, said that the question of Chinese refugees in Hongkong could best be discussed at the next UN General Assembly.

The delegate, Mr R. J. Scott-Fox, spoke during the discussion of the report of the UN High Commissioner on Refugees.

The report covers the activities of the High Commissioner, Mr August Lindt, from May, 1956 to May, 1957.

Mr Scott-Fox said the question of Chinese refugees in Hongkong could not in practice be separated from other desperately poor people and helped in isolation, since "the two categories of homeless people are inextricably mixed and are part of one and the same problem."

USUAL PROCEDURES

"Apart from the legal issue, therefore, the problem of these refugees might not be susceptible of solution through the usual procedures of the High Commissioner's office."

He thought that the question could best be discussed at the next session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Mr A. I. Boshin, of the Soviet Union, referring to Chinese refugees in Hongkong, said they were not political refugees, and that the Chinese Government had no objection to their return.

He said that some local authorities were preventing them from leaving Hongkong.—Reuter.

Dance Hostess Said: I Love You Pakistani Tells Of Stabbing

A 32-year-old Pakistani on trial for unlawfully and maliciously wounding a young dance hostess declared in the Criminal Sessions this morning that after he had stabbed the girl, she said "Salim, I love you."

Saddudin Salim, testifying on his own behalf, said that he became angry when the girl

PAKISTANI GUILTY

Saddudin Salim was found guilty of unlawful wounding and was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment. He was found not guilty of wounding with intent to cause bodily harm. The jury added a rider to their verdict advocating leniency, and Mr Justice Keess expressed sympathy for the defendant.

Yip Lai-ha, 21, insisted on going out with a man who had earlier looked her out for the evening. He alleged that Yip took a "splitting pot" and wanted to hit him.

PUSHED AWAY

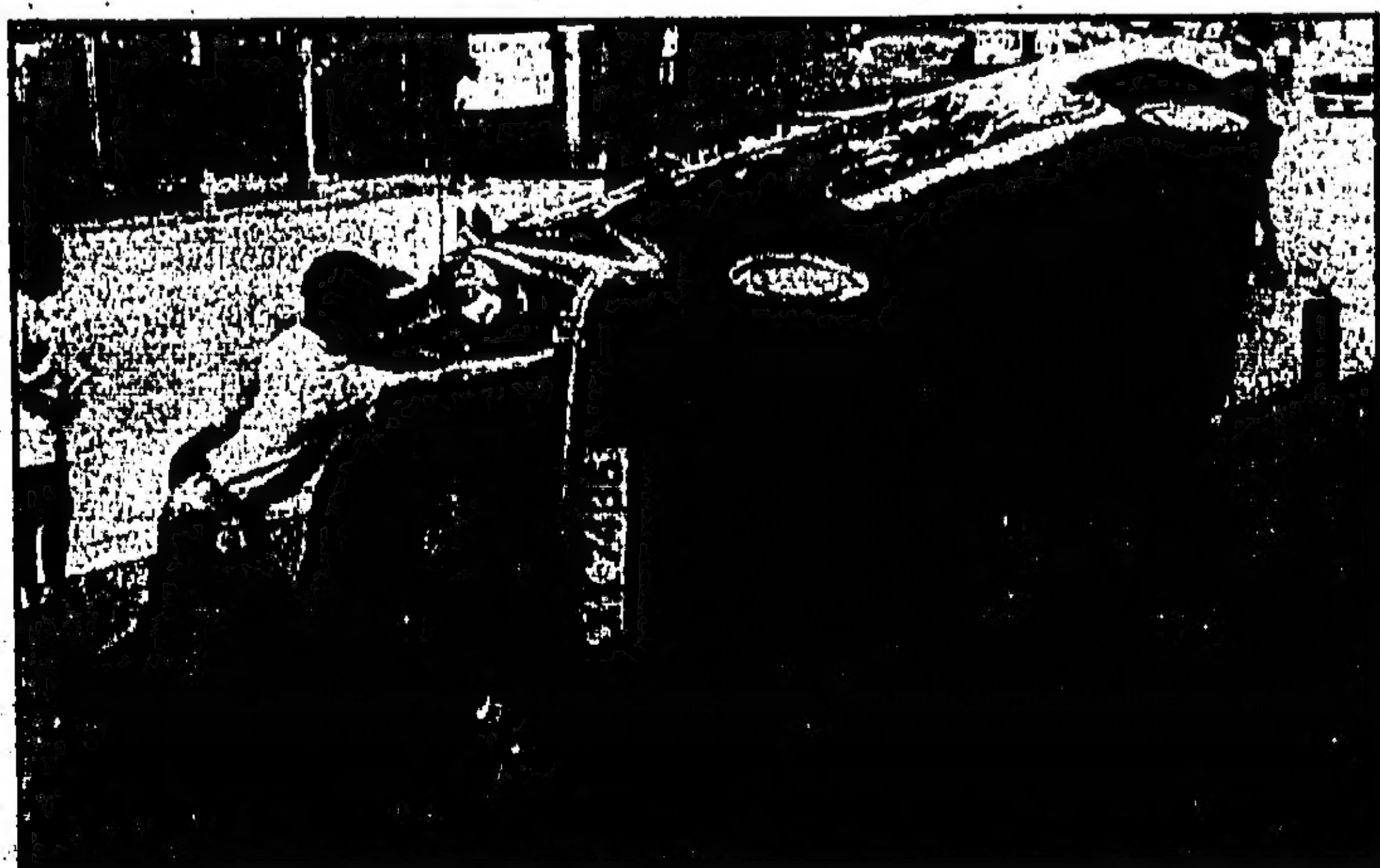
"So I got more mad. I pushed her with my hand, then she tried to pick up something else to hit me." At that time, the knife came into my hand," Salim said.

He is alleged to have stabbed Yip 22 times with a spring pen-knife.

Yesterday Salim said that he loved Yip more than his own life. He said that he and Yip lived together in a room in Kowloon Terrace, after they left Fanning, where his job had terminated, earlier in the year.

Prosecuting is Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Inspector K. F. (Contd. on Page 3, Col. 7)

CAR OVERTURNS IN KOWLOON



At about 8.40 a.m. today this car, driven by J. A. McDonald, of Argyle Street, overturned in Chatham Road near Gun Club Hill.—China Mail Photo.

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TSINGHAI REVOLT FALSE?

Report That Put Out To Help Rectification Drive

Washington, July 24.
United States officials suggested today that the report by Peking Radio that a revolt had been suppressed in the remote province of Tsinghai might have been put out to help the Chinese Communist regime in its "rectification" drive.

The officials said they did not have any confirmation whether such a revolt had, in fact, taken place.

They added that ever since the speech by Mao Tse-tung, the Chinese Communist leader, on the subject of "rectification" there had been what they described as a whole series of such reports by Peking Radio.

The officials recalled that Mr. John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, commented recently that the United States was waiting to see whether Mao Tse-tung's admission that there could be "contradictions" in the regime was a policy of liberalisation or entrapment.

Later Mr. Dulles said it appeared that the policy was entrapment since a number of intellectuals had confessed that they were wrong in making certain statements and now pleaded guilty while at the same time promising to remould their own thoughts to bring them more into line with that of the Chinese Communist Party.

Reports of a revolt in Tsinghai, suggested the US officials, might be another incident in the Peking regime's attempt to prove to the Chinese people that they could handle these situations, make those responsible for them see the light, and thus widen their actual control over the people.—Reuter.

BRITON TO TEACH PALACE ETIQUETTE

Kuala Lumpur, July 24.
A BRITON will help to develop modern protocol for independent Malaya's first constitutional monarch, it was announced today.

He is Mr. J. A. Harvey, a retired member of the Malayan Civil Service, who was formerly British adviser to the Sultan of Pahang State.

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MOTHER AND DAUGHTER



Walking along the Rue St. Honore, Paris, at the beginning of the month are sister actresses Ingrid Bergman, left, and her 18-year-old daughter Janita Lindstrom, reunited after six years. It was six years ago that Miss Bergman left her then husband, Dr. Lindstrom, for her present husband Italian film director Roberto Rossellini.—Express Photo.

Tourists Of Limited Means

REDUCTION OF COSTS ON RUSSIAN TOUR

Moscow, July 24.
Tourists of limited means will benefit by a 25 per cent reduction on the costs of their stay in the Soviet Union, Vladimir Ankudinov, the Chairman of the Intourist Board of Directors announced today.

At a press conference organised by the Soviet State Committee for cultural relations, Ankudinov said that travellers with small incomes will be given reductions on rail and plane tickets.

He said that delays in obtaining entry visas to the Soviet Union would be cut down, and customs formalities for tourists would be simplified.

ROAD ROUTES

The road routes for foreign tourists travelling by car have been set up, between Brest-Litovsk, on the frontier, and Moscow, and between Moscow and Yalta, in the Crimea, he said.

Ankudinov said that 487,000 foreign tourists had visited the Soviet Union in 1956 and that 500,000 Soviet citizens had made trips abroad during the same period.

Ankudinov said that 2,500 Americans had visited the Soviet Union last year, while only 350 Soviet nationals had visited the United States.

He said the reason for the disparity in number was due to the fact that the American authorities required Soviet tourists to state their political affiliations and to give their fingerprints.

Artificial Rice

Boston, July 24.
Philippine islanders will eat better, because of a 15-ton machine to make artificial rice more nutritious than the real thing.

Kauffman's machine converts ordinary corn or other grains into enriched food products, that look and taste like polished rice but which are 10 times higher in food value. Rice, when polished, loses its vitamin content, particularly of B-1 and niacin.—United Press.

LICENCE FOR LADY CHATTERLY'S FILM

Albany, N.Y., July 24.
The appellate division of the State Supreme Court today ordered a licence granted to the French film, "Lady Chatterly's Lover," which the Board of Regents branded "immoral."

The unanimous decision said in effect that denial of a licence on the grounds of "immorality" was too inflexible to be constitutional.

The Court said it agreed with a decision earlier this month by the State's highest tribunal, the Court of Appeals, in a case involving the film, "The Garden of Eden," that a licence could be denied only if the picture were "obscene."

The justices said that "Lady Chatterly's Lover" was not obscene. The appeal was brought by Kinship International Pictures.

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WESTERN POWERS TO GO AHEAD

New Disarmament Plans To Be Presented

London, July 24. The Western Powers decided today to go ahead offering their new disarmament plan to Russia despite a gruff letter from Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin attacking Western proposals. US delegate Harold Stassen will present a new plan for intercontinental guided missiles tomorrow.

BULGANIN'S LETTER TO MACMILLAN

London, July 24. Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, Soviet Premier, suggested tonight that European Governments and the United States could bind themselves to refuse any military or economic aid to any country violating the peace of Europe. In a nearly 6,000-word long letter published to the Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Macmillan, he alleged certain Western powers and the West German Government had made a deal to misuse the United Nations disarmament sub-committee to help pre-election manoeuvres in West Germany.

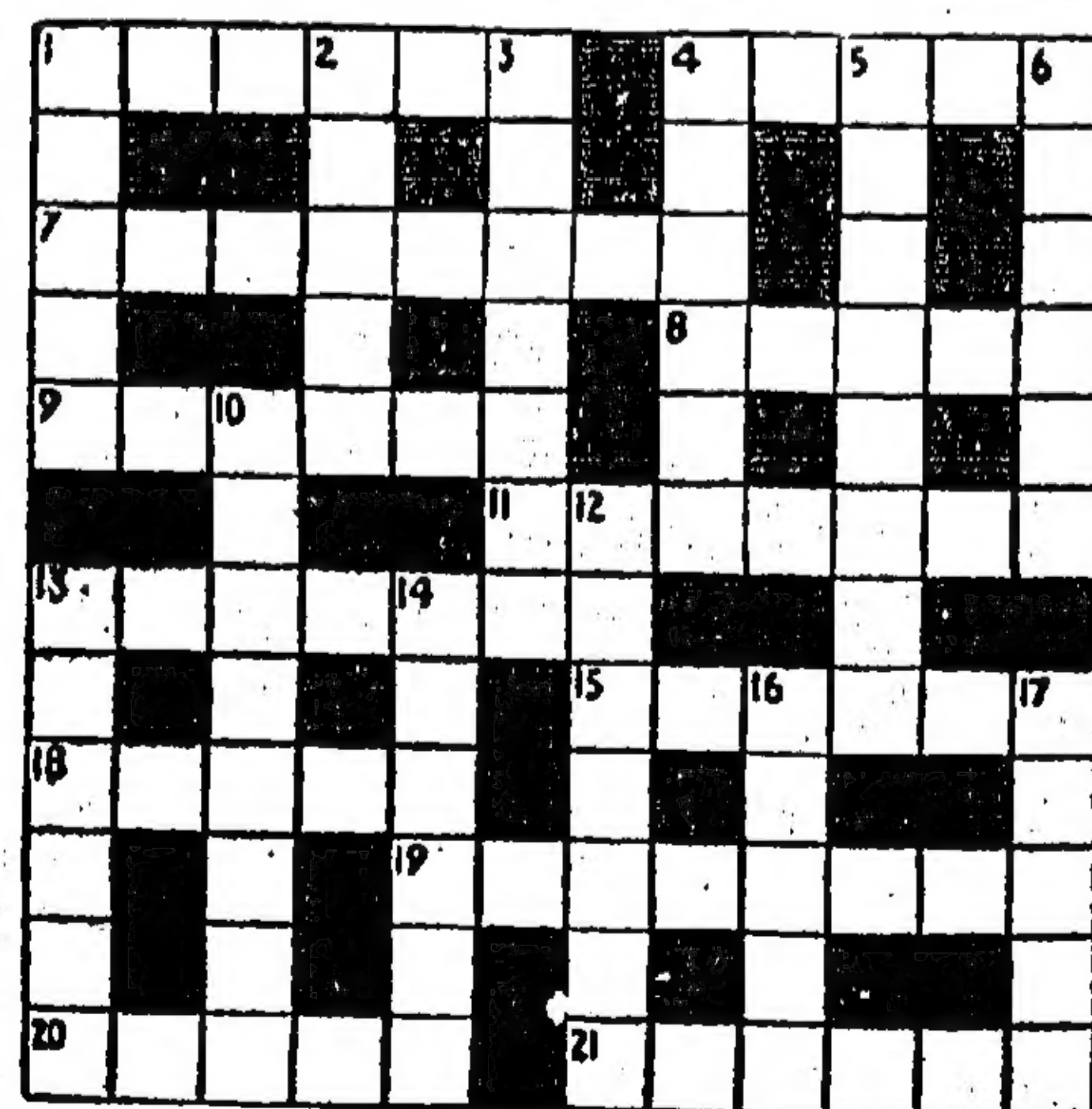
The letter, which reiterated the known Soviet views on world problems, dealt at length with four subjects—disarmament, Germany and European security, the Middle East, and Anglo-Soviet trade and cultural relations. Authoritative sources here said there was nothing new in the Bulganin's message. —Reuter & France-Press.

EMBASSY IN MALAYA

Washington, July 24. The State Department announced today the United States Government had decided to raise its Consulate-General at Kuala Lumpur to the rank of Embassy on August 31, the date at which the Federation of Malaya will attain its independence.

It is understood that the newly independent Federation will establish an Embassy in Washington at the same time. The present Consul-General at Kuala Lumpur, Mr. Thomas K. Wright, will be the American Charge d'Affaires until an ambassador is appointed. —France-Press.

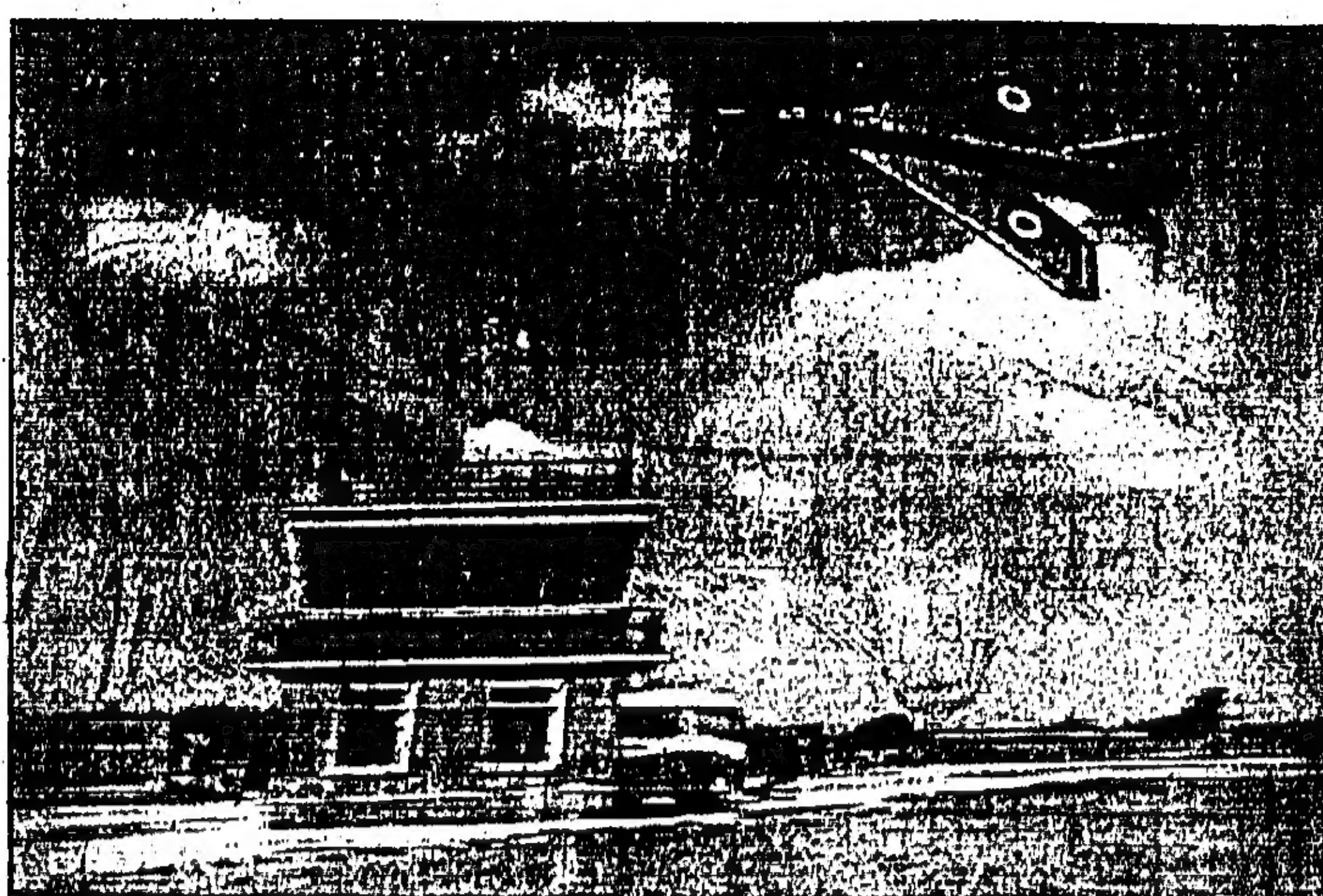
A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Just a bit (6).
 - Titter (5).
 - Baker's dozen (8).
 - Generous person (5).
 - That's flat (6).
 - Tumbler (7).
 - Fancy dress? (7).
 - Peers (6).
 - He a dogger? (5).
 - He uses soft-soap (8).
 - The opposition (6).
 - One of the old guard (6).
- DOWN**
- Exotic plant (6).
 - It's headless and limbless (5).
 - Worries town (7).
 - Painfully touchy (6).
 - Alps crosser (6).
 - Spirit of the corps? (6).
 - It's in the way (8).
 - 100 up (7).
 - Split wanderer (6).
 - Worried (6).
 - Blow-out? (6).
 - Hoots men? No, woman (8).

WEDNESDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across 1. Wasp, 4. Scratch, 8. Itch, 9. Iria, 10. Recluse, 11. Tear, 12. Halo, 14. Puritan, 17. Angle, 18. Ship, 22. Donkey, 23. Onus, 27. Soap, 28. Attends, 29. Iron, 30. Leap, 31. Prosper, 32. Gilt, Down: 1. Alarm, 3. Pique, 4. Scrap, 5. Charms, 6. Alibi, 7. Celia, 12. Hail, 13. Lion, 15. Turn, 16. Nips, 18. Chalk, 20. Toping, 21. Autumn, 24. Quire, 25. Drive, 26. Leap.

ENGLISH ELECTRIC P.1. BEATS RECORD



The English Electric P.1. has travelled at a new unofficial world speed record of nearly 1,500 miles per hour. The actual speed is still secret—but it was stated that the aircraft was still accelerating when throttled back by Test Pilot "Bee" Beament. A demonstration of the plane in flight was given for the press at Warton Aerodrome, Lancashire last week. Photo shows the English Electric P.1. in flight during the demonstration. —Keystone Photo.

LINDBERGH ODYSSEY HIDDEN BEHIND 'CURTAIN OF BUREAUCRACY'

Westbury, N.Y., July 24.

Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, the first man to make a non-stop solo flight across the Atlantic to Paris in 1927, flew with the United States Air Force as a civilian on 50 combat missions during the Second World War and shot down at least one Japanese fighter plane, a retired general said here today.



CHARLES LINDBERGH
Shot Down A Japanese Fighter

EIFFEL TOWER UP-LIFT

Paris, July 24. Paris's famous landmark, the Eiffel Tower, will have a "new look" next October when its top is reconstructed and a high new television antenna is installed.

In addition, the tower will be over 25 feet higher than before. At present the effects of the national weather service and the French television occupy the top platform of the tower, which was built in 1889 by the engineer, Gustave Eiffel.

There will be one other great change also—the French flag will no longer fly from the top of the picturesque tower, for it was found that its flapping in the wind set up vibrations which affected the delicate instruments used by the weather bureau and the television service. —France-Press.

BUDDHA'S TREE ATTACKED

Calcutta, July 24. The sacred Bodhi tree at Bodhi Gaya in Bihar, under which Lord Buddha gained enlightenment, has been attacked by insect pests, the Chairman of the Bodhi Gaya temple management committee reported.

The tree is now being sprayed daily with anti-insect compounds. Last year the tree was also attacked by pests and measures had to be taken to protect it. —France-Press.

Lieutenant-General Albert C. Wedemeyer, former Commander of the US Army Forces in China, was speaking here at a dedication ceremony for a plaque marking Colonel Lindbergh's take-off point for his historic flight.

General Wedemeyer said that Colonel Lindbergh's wartime contributions had been hidden, however, behind a "plush curtain of bureaucracy."

PUBLIC ENTITLED

"I think the public is entitled to at least some of the unpublished contributions in the Lindbergh odyssey," General Wedemeyer said.

He said that after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, Colonel Lindbergh had gone to war as technical representative of the aircraft industry.

He went on many missions with Corsairs. He took part in straining raids. He flew cover for bombers and did some special bombing to prove what the Corsair could do.

General Wedemeyer said Colonel Lindbergh spent six months in the Pacific, shot down at least one Japanese fighter and took up probably the heaviest bomb-load ever carried until that time by a single-engine fighter.

PERFORMANCES

General Wedemeyer said Colonel Lindbergh had gone to the Pacific to study fighter plane performances under combat conditions.

"Once, flying with a group of fighters who were escorting a bombing mission to Ambolma, a Soni-type Japanese fighter picked Lindbergh as his quarry. "Lindbergh's laconic report read thus: 'The enemy banked right to attack me head on. I

THREE YEARS FOR DESERTION

Berlin, July 24. American Army Sergeant William Smallwood, 31 years old, was today sentenced by a court martial to three years' imprisonment at hard labour and a dishonourable discharge for desertion.

Smallwood, told the court that in May, 1954, he left his base in West Germany while completely drunk and wandered over the demarcation line near Fulda.

He was arrested and sentenced to three years' hard labour by an East German court for espionage and assault and battery.

He was released in February and returned to the American military authorities in West Berlin. —France-Press.

PLANES POUND BRICK FORTS

Bahrain, July 24. ROYAL Air Force jets went into action today against rebel tribesmen in the beleaguered Sultanate of Oman.

The planes pounded mud and brick forts in the vicinity of the rebel centre of Nizwa with rockets and cannon-fire in an attempt to break the rebellion with a show of force.

No results of the first day's attack were announced. Britain's political resident here, Sir Bernard Burrows, was scheduled to fly to Muscat tomorrow to confer with pro-British Sultan Said bin Tajmur.

STALEMATE

The short, hot war fought in fantastic mountain country in what has been called the world's hottest climate has come to a temporary stalemate. There was little confidence among British officials here that the RAF show of force would intimidate the rebels who were holed up in the nearly inaccessible reaches of south-eastern Arabia.

The rebels, operating under the black flag of a "Jihad" or Holy War, were in full control of Nizwa, the capital in the interior of Muscat and Oman.

The rebels are supporting rebellious Imam Ghalib bin Ali and his strong-arm brother Tahir, who have been carrying on a battle for sovereignty in the interior of Oman which was broken off in 1955 when they were defeated by the British-supported Sultanate forces. —United Press.

Istanbul, July 24. Turkish Airlines signed agreements today in Ankara with British Overseas Airways Corporation and Vickers Armstrong to buy five Viscount aircraft. —Reuter.

'MULCTED' BY POLICE

Manila, July 25. Four Hongkong-bound Chinese passengers were allegedly "mulcted" by a Pasay city police patrol on their way to the airport, according to an airline official who said he saw the incident while going to the airport in a taxi.

The Chinese, who were riding in a jeep, were told to get down and show their passports by the Police for no apparent reason. The Chinese said that they

were forced to give the Police five pesos just to let them go.

The official said he had asked why they had given the money and was told the Chinese were in a hurry to catch their plane and "settle the matter quickly."

Airport authorities expressed indignation over the incident. They claimed that on previous occasions the police of Pasay city, which is on the way to the airport, had clipped travellers of petty sums. —France-Press.

PAKISTAN TELLS OF STABBING

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Bodie, Mr. Gerald de Bodo, defending Salim, instructed by Mr. Abbas el Azzali.

The trial is before Mr. Justice C. W. Reece and a jury of three men and three women.

Continuing in his evidence from yesterday, Salim said that on the day of the incident (March 22) he went to the 5.15 p.m. cinema with two friends. Mr. Bado: Was there anyone in the cinema whom you thought you recognised?

KISSING

Salim: Yes, I saw a girl and a soldier kissing; she wore the same dress and looked exactly like Yip Lai-ha.

What were your feelings then? —When I saw her I felt very bad.

Salim said that after the picture he went home with his friends and eventually Yip returned. His friends were in another room whilst he and Yip had their meal.

He asked her if she had been out and she replied in the negative, adding that she had just come from the bathroom (where she worked).

Salim said he did not at that time mention the incident at the cinema, as he was not sure the girl was Yip.

After the meal Yip said she had to return to work earlier, explaining that her No. 1 wanted her particularly earlier on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. She then left.

TOOK TAXI

Salim said that he wanted to make sure that Yip had gone back to the bathroom, so he took a taxi there shortly after she left.

Yip had not arrived so he "booked" out a girl for 15 minutes.

Salim said that when Yip subsequently arrived she looked upset. He said that when he later asked her where she had been earlier in the evening, she admitted having gone to see a picture. He then asked her to go home, whereupon she said "the soldier had booked me out until one o'clock."

Accused said he then spoke to her No. 1 who agreed he (Salim) could book Yip for the evening on payment of a certain sum of money, which he paid.

Salim said he then told Yip he had booked her out and asked her to go home together.

'FEEL NOTHING'

On their way home in a taxi, Salim said, he told her: "I saw you at the pictures. You were kissing with a soldier."

"Yip replied 'Yes, but I feel nothing,'" Salim said.

Arriving back at home, Salim said he tried his best to bring her back to her "mood." He reminded her of the promise before she took on the job as a dance hostess.

He said he made love to her but she still wanted to go back to the bathroom.

He then told her: "You have told me you were kissing him, now you say he is waiting for you at a friend's place," and she replied, Salim told, in a very bad mood, "Yes, he was kissing me, I felt nothing, but still I am your wife."

Salim said he had also booked her out and there was therefore no reason to go and see the man. She said the man had paid over \$50 and she must go.

"So I got angry and punched her with my hand on the back, and I told her, 'Go, if you want to,'" Salim said.

COT MORE MAD

Salim alleged that Yip then got up and took a "spitting pot" and wanted to hit him.

"So I got more mad, I pushed her with my hand, then she tried to pick up something else to hit me. At that time, the knife came into my hand," Salim said.

Explaining how the knife came into his possession, accused said that earlier that afternoon he was using the knife to cut mangoes. He did not know whether he put it away in his pocket or left it on a table.

"So in that temper I stabbed her," Salim said.

As far as he could recollect he had stabbed her not more than six or seven times. He pushed her as he stabbed her and when she fell down "I saw the knife in my hand and I felt sorry," Salim said.

He put the knife on a table and saw several people standing near the door. He asked them to "go and call the ambulance please." He also dialled 999 asking for an ambulance.

ABSENT MINDED

Salim said that during all this time he was "absent minded" and worried about Yip. He then returned to her.

Mr. Bado: In what condition did you find her when you returned?

Salim: When I went back into the room she was sitting on the floor. Then she called me "Salim, I love you, and you look after Ching (the baby)." I told her, "You made me so mad and I have done something wrong. But anyhow you don't worry, you are all right and you will be back and look after your baby."

She then asked for some water which he brought to her, Salim said. She wanted to remove her jacket but he said it would be better to keep it on, so that she could be warm. He told her he had summoned an ambulance and that she was not to worry.

Shortly afterwards the ambulance arrived. Two European Police in civilian clothing came a few minutes later. He told them what had happened, "but I was too much worried about her and I was absent minded."

Asked to explain what he meant by "absent minded" Salim said, "Because I loved her very much it was natural that I should be worried about her."



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Communist indifference to the sanctity of marriage, added to the pressing demands of the State upon the time and energy of the workers, is resulting in so many broken homes in the Soviet bloc countries that the authorities are beginning to view the situation with unaccustomed anxiety. In Poland, says David Laidlaw, the divorce figures for 1955 were 250 per cent higher than in 1952....

Marriage in The Red

BROKEN marriages are becoming so common in the Soviet bloc countries that even the Communists—who are not normally unduly concerned about the sanctity of married life—are beginning to get worried. Everywhere articles in the Press report soaring divorce rates, the fashion for "short-term" marriages, "illegal cohabitation" and hooliganism resulting from broken homes.

The chief reason for this situation is the past Communist attitude to marriage. Communists have always been rather in favour of weakening family ties in the belief that this would strengthen the hold of the State on individual members. Accordingly, the first thing they did in all the countries where they have seized power was to remove marital and family relations from the authority of the Church. Church marriage ceremonies now have no legal force and may be held only after a valid civil ceremony.

Divorces are granted quickly and cheaply. Very often "intellectual" and "ideological" differences are put forward by couples as grounds for divorce, because they know that these will be accepted by the courts without further question.

No stigma attaches to divorce. An article in the Polish newspaper *Nova Kultura* of October 30, 1955, declared: "The man who fell in love once in his life, went straight to the altar and was thereafter faithful to his wife till the end of his days has become a fiction and an anachronism." Another article stated categorically that "life-long monogamy no longer exists" and that the "one-parent family is an institution which

MARRIAGE UNDER COMMUNISM

By DAVID LAIDLAW

... a Scot who has travelled widely in Eastern Europe, and made a special study of conditions imposed by Russia.

we have to accept." (January 8, 1956).

The rise in the divorce rate has been particularly noticeable in those countries where Church influence and conservative social patterns made divorce a rarity before the war. Poland, once a strong Roman Catholic country, now has the highest divorce rate in the world.

The October 30, 1955, issue of *Nova Kultura*, reported that the number of divorce cases considered by the courts had doubled between 1952 and 1954, while the 1955 figure was 250 per cent above that of 1952.

Significantly the divorce rate is lowest among the rural population. In Poland the ratio between rural and urban divorcees is one to nine, while in Hungary there are three times as many divorcees in Budapest as in all the rural districts. According to *Nova Kultura*, "this is because in the village the old model of matrimony has been preserved together with the old traditions and moral customs."

The Bulgarian paper, *Otechestven Front*, of January 14, 1956, said that "short-term marriages have become fashionable among young couples who wish to imitate the modern way of life."

It quoted one Bulgarian (married and divorced four times within three years) as saying: "The divorce petitions cost very little. For me, marriage is like a football match; you buy a ticket and take your chances on the game."

But, quite apart from the Communist attitude to marriage, the chief reason for unsatisfactory family life lies in the overwhelming demands by the State economic machine on the workers' time and energy.

Women are expected to work as well as run their homes and care for children, but little attempt is made to meet their interests. For example, those in factories frequently find that they cannot get holidays at the same time as their husbands.

Sometimes couples find it hard to work or even to live in the same city.

A decree limiting the number of new residents specifies that marriages contracted after a given date do not constitute grounds permitting the new spouse to reside in some Bulgarian cities.

The paper *Otechestven Front* of June 18, 1955, blamed this state of affairs for many divorces. "The family is not strengthened when a man has to work for years in a different town from his wife," it stated.

Rather belatedly the Communists are realising that juvenile delinquency, previously attributed to "subversion" and to "Western propaganda," can often be traced to lack of parental control resulting from these conditions.

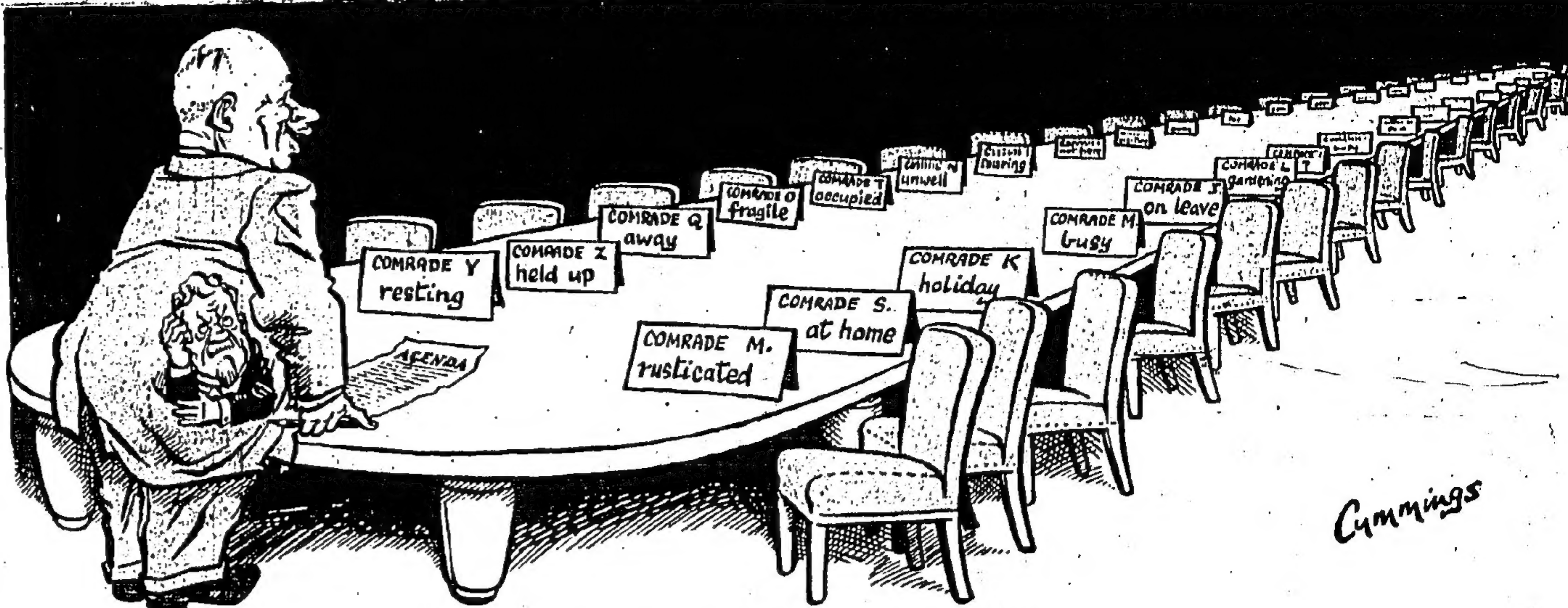
The Polish newspaper *Glos Pracy* stated on September 14, 1956, that two million women were forced to work from economic necessity and that as a result children were being brought up without proper supervision. At the eighth session of the Polish Parliament in April, 1956, a delegate, voiced serious alarm at the "growing criminalisation among young people" and drew attention to the importance of the educational influence of the family, "a thing heretofore underestimated."

That conditions are unsatisfactory was tacitly admitted in 1956 in the encouragement of the use of contraceptives and the legalisation of abortion for "social" as well as medical reasons. In Poland, Hungary and Bulgaria.

In Poland one speaker, while deploring the "loss of faith in social progress" which the new abortion law represented, nevertheless admitted that "it would be naive to claim that the Polish people are now living in idyllic conditions" (*Stowoz Powszechny* April 28, 1956).

In Bulgaria it was announced on April 27, 1956 that abortion facilities would be granted to all women who asked for them at a fee of 50 leva (approximately HK\$40).

Significantly, the announcement was received almost without comment.

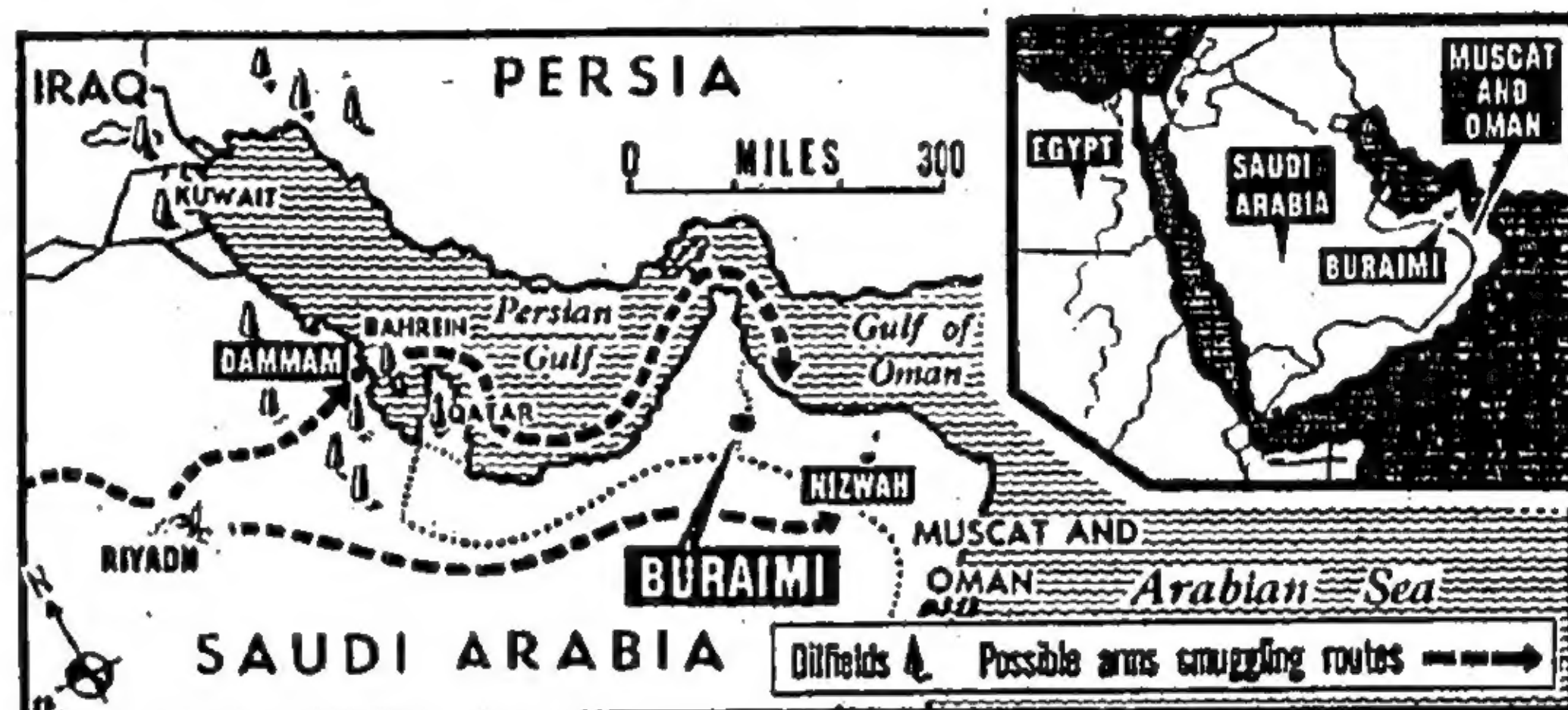


"All those in favour say 'Aye'—the 'Ayes' have it!"

A Growing Threat to British Oil Fields As NASSER PLOTS NEW WAR

FROM

COLIN LAWSON



Threat is growing to British oilfields

Buraiimi. Zaid's brother, Sheikh Shakkut, whose territory includes Buraiimi.

Guns, money....

The pro-British Shakkut told me that a combination of Saudi Arabian money and Egyptian cunning is working to stir up armed revolt in Muscat and Oman, across the border from Buraiimi. Guns and money are pouring in.

"But go to Buraiimi yourself," said Shakkut, "and talk with my people."

THE TARGET — BRITAIN'S OIL

To get to Buraiimi I had to take a Land-Rover from Abu Dhabi. There, in a palace in the sands, lives

We sat on carpets. Servants brought coffee and a magnificent banquet of whole roast sheep, rice, and onions.

Zaid plunged his right hand deep into the rice, motioned me to follow, and murmured: "Saudi is a dangerous man. He and Nasser are up to their old games."

"If they conquered Muscat and Oman and installed a puppet Government, my part of Buraiimi would be untenable, surrounded on three sides by the enemy."

So for 120 miles, in a temperature of 130 degrees, my Land-Rover roared through the desert.

The driver reduced himself, the vehicle, and me to jellies, crashing over boulders, through camel herds and round deep sand drifts.

I was a limp mass of soggy bruises when, like a mirage, Buraiimi appeared on the skyline. It is a group of villages covering 100 square miles.

Through a gap in a mud wall surrounding the Sheikh's private garden in the central oasis, I was conducted to Zaid. He is a powerful man with a straggling beard and humorous brown eyes, who has refused a \$20,000,000 bribe back King Saud's claim to Buraiimi.

There are two routes for smuggling them in: 1. By sea from the Saudi coast on to Oman beaches; 2. By land from Saudi, into Oman, skirting Buraiimi.

Royal Naval patrols have been stepped up to intercept dhows carrying arms, but the coast line is too long—a thousand miles—and the ships too few.

British-officed Arab troops are also making long-range desert patrols to intercept lorry and camel caravans gun-running into Oman.

Nasser is working through his agents with money and propaganda among dissident desert tribesmen in sheikdoms allied to Britain by treaty.

Thus the absolute monarch and the dictator are in alliance, Saudi, because he wants to boss Muscat and Oman for its

Oman—which has a pro-British ruler, Sultan Said bin Taimur. For the United States, bowing to demands by Saudi, is sending modern weapons to him.

Surplus weapons are thus released to challenge the Sultan's authority and undermine British influence.

Nasser figures he can use Muscat as a springboard from which his agents can step up anti-British hatred and infiltrate into the all-important oil areas of Qatar, Bahrain, and Kuwait.

And Arabians, say all the sheiks I have talked to, in a month of desert travel, is working against British interests too.

Unofficial go-betweens have scouted out several sheiks on the chances of American oil companies being given concessions in land now operated exclusively by the British.

And the sheiks believe the U.S. State Department is turning a blind eye to attempts to undermine British influence along this wild, untamed, but vital Gulf coast.

If the Saudis and Egyptians penetrate here it would be only a matter of a short time before the most vital installations in the world to the British economy were menaced—Qatar, Bahrain and Kuwait.

PIED PIPER MARCH IN MOSCOW

I WAS phoned early one morning and implored to leave my sick bed to meet the Russian newscasters. They wanted to film me and my car.

I hadn't the heart to let them down as they have all been so terribly kind and are so enthusiastic about my visiting Moscow by car all the way from England. I thought the least I could do would be to turn out.

What went on afterwards I shall never forget. It was one of the craziest and funniest experiences I have had.

I could have been in the heart of Hollywood instead of Moscow.

More than a thousand people had gathered outside the Hotel Metropole and looked on curiously at the newscaster cameramen rushing backwards trying to get better angles.

The Moscow newspapers had also sent along their cameramen to join in the melee.

Then a most amusing procession through the streets of Moscow began. I led the way, with the A.A. van behind me.

The Russian cameramen had piled into an enormous open black Zis with as many newspaper photographers as could possibly squeeze in as well.

The military policemen nearly went wild when they saw all these standing up in the car which is quite against the city rules.

They blew their whistles and threw their arms in the air trying to indicate to the photographers and cameramen that they must stand down. But no one seemed to take any notice.

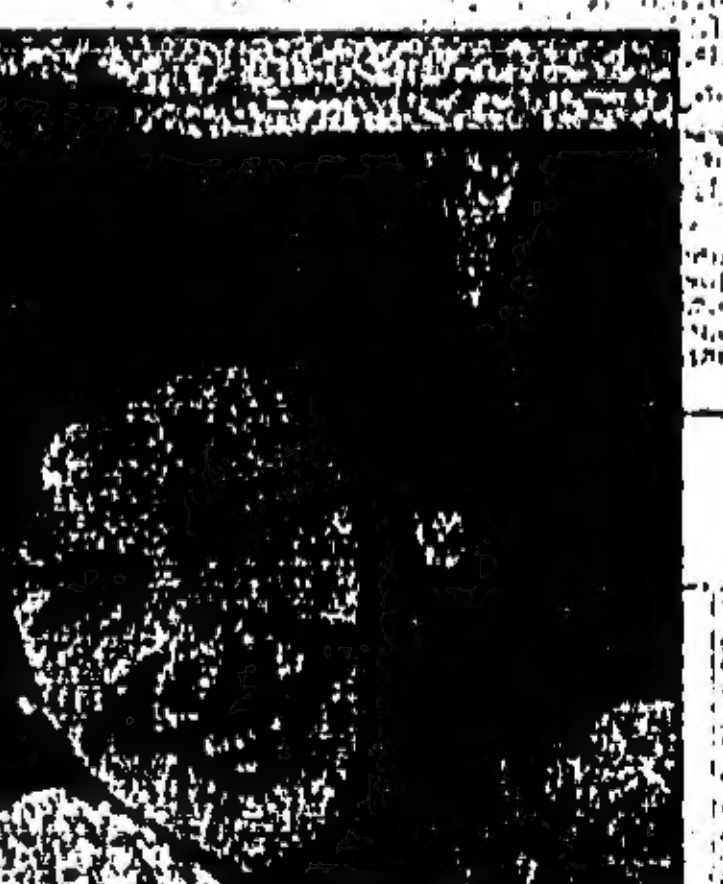
There was a battle going on among the photographers to see who could stand up the longest and get the best shots of the British car following them.

But it wasn't an unfriendly scramble as they were all roaring with laughter.

THEN TAXIS

By this time hordes of taxis had joined in the ride around Moscow. Their occupants were all madly yelling out their destinations, but the good-humoured taximen followed us instead.

Half-way through one of the cameramen got in beside me to help me get into the right line



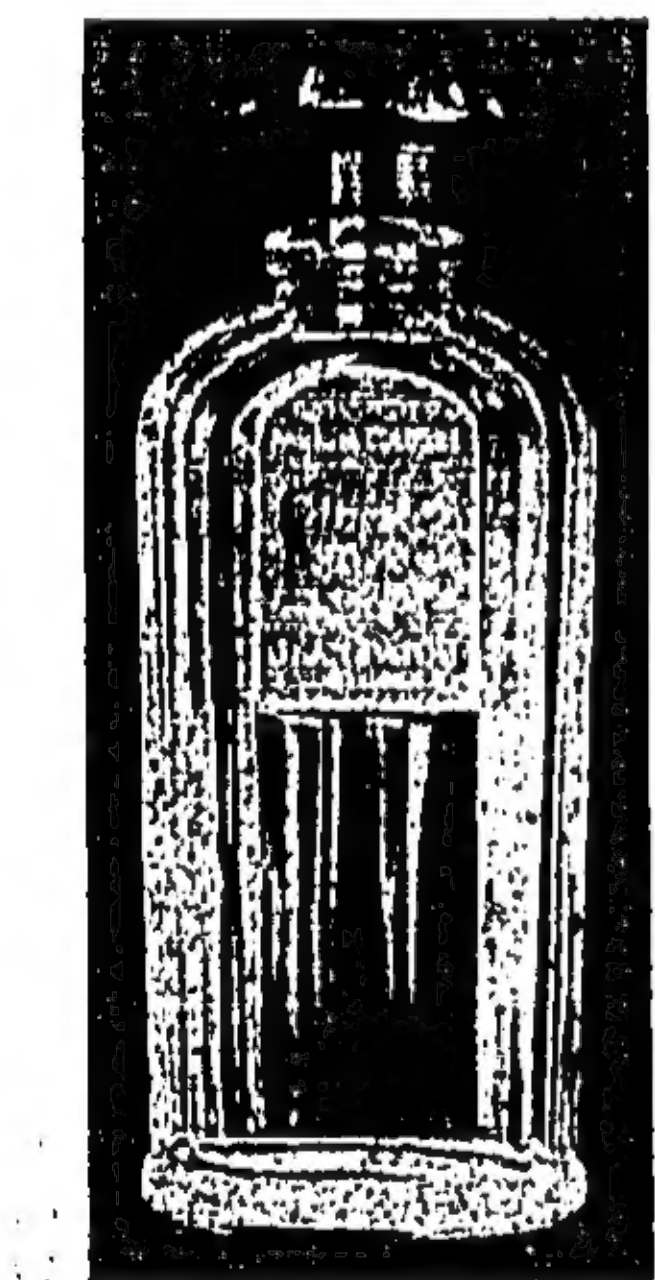
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of traffic. Neither of us understood the other's language.

As I careered rather dangerously through Moscow's streets, sailing round suddenly as one has to if one has to go in the opposite direction, the little man, nervously tapped out a violent tattoo with his foot on the floor.

As he saw my erratic driving he put his hands over his face and got his head down, peering nervously through his fingers.

As he got out, he shook hands and roared with laughter. "Miss Smyllie," he said, "that is what everyone calls me here. With that," he laughed, his camera to another photographer and had his picture taken standing beside me smiling broadly.



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Too many babies may start A CRISIS

from JOHN SMEATON: The Hague

THE population of Holland is increasing so rapidly that the Dutch Government has set up an emergency committee to study ways and means of keeping 11,000,000 people in a country the size of East Anglia.

Already, with an average of nearly 900 people to the square mile, Holland is the most densely populated country in the world. Add the rapid rise in population—it has gone up nearly 3,000,000 in 11 years—is expected to continue until the year 2000.

Dr G. Lammerz, chief of the Government's Information Services, told me:

"There is no doubt that this is Holland's number one problem. And it looks like getting worse. The population question is continually at the top of the Cabinet's agenda."

He and other Government officials agree that the only way

Holland can keep a big population is by industrialisation. Before the war it was primarily an agricultural country. Now more and more factories are being built.

Investigations have already been made in an attempt to discover why Holland has a combination of a HIGH birth-rate and a LOW death-rate. The main reasons listed so far by the Government's experts are:

1. Exceptionally good health—there is one doctor to every 1,000 people.

2. Cleanliness—there is a saying that "if a Dutchman is not washing himself he is washing his children, or his house."

3. A strongly developed love of home life—in a recent poll 75 per cent of the people interviewed said they spent most of their leisure time at home.

4. A strong religious influence by Churches opposed to birth control.

These are the official reasons. But I made some inquiries of my own. I asked a taxi-driver if he had a family.

"Four children," he said. "All my friends have four or five."

"Keeping up with the Jansens" could be the most important reason of all.

FOOTNOTE: While I have been dictating this story five children have been born in Holland, according to statistics.

DUTCH POPULATION IS SOARING

JACK ROBERTSON HITS 201 NOT OUT AGAINST ESSEX AT LORD'S

SWIMMING INTERNATIONAL



Britain versus Yugoslavia swimming international in London, and here are members of the Yugoslav team relaxing at the pool. Girls seated are, from left, Misses Matekalo, Jericevic, Koncic and Varga. Girls in pool are, from left, Misses Stajic, Mezmar and Zejner. Miss Jericevic, fourth in the Melbourne Olympics, was beaten in the Women's 220 yards breast stroke, coming second to Great Britain's 17-year-old Christine Gosden, whose 2min. 56.1sec. set a new British native and English record. Miss Gosden had come eighth in the Melbourne Olympics.—Reuterphoto.

WORLD OF SPORT

RUSSIA SEEMS ANXIOUS TO STAGE 1964 OLYMPIC GAMES

By DEREK JOHN

Russia aims to show the world that Moscow is the place for the 1964 Olympic Games.

That, I fancy, is a main reason for the World Youth Games being staged in Moscow from July 29 to August 10.

More than 4,000 sportsmen and women from nearly sixty countries are taking part. And the festival takes in almost every known form of sport, including games such as rugby union which the Russians do not play.

Cyclists, weightlifters, table-tennis stars, footballers, boxers, swimmers, water-polo players, wrestlers, gymnasts, basketball players, tennis stars, fencers... all are Moscow bound.

The gigantic jamboree must be costing many millions of roubles. The Russians are even paying all the competitors' expenses while in the Soviet Union. Unfortunately their efforts have not been entirely successful. Many sports associations in different parts of the world are boycotting the Moscow Games on the grounds that they have political implications.

The Russians have strongly denied this. But the fact remains that the Moscow Games are part of the Moscow Festival of Youth, which is partly non-political.

And the feeling recently expressed at meetings of the Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee, is that sporting and cultural events should be held at different times.

It is the old, old story of doubt and suspicion existing on either side of the Iron Curtain. But those barriers can only be broken down by a little give-and-take—on both sides.

In this case, I believe the Russians should be given the benefit of the doubt. After all, if Moscow is to be the venue of an Olympiad, sportsmen might just as well take the opportunity—at the Russians' expense—of getting a preview of conditions there.

EMPIRE GAMES

Another big city is at present greatly concerned with the problems of staging an international sports festival. This is Cardiff, capital of Wales, where for the first time next year the British Empire Games will be held.

Chief problem at the moment is raising the cash. The organisers, working under the dark cloud of inflation, are determined that no rise in the cost of living shall interfere with their plans.

The cost of staging the Games is at present estimated at a quarter of a million pounds. But the organisers' various fund-raising schemes have been designed to bring in at least £200,000.

Mr. E. R. K. Glover, an official of the organising committee and a former Glamorgan cricketer, says: "All our schemes are guess work, and we expect to guess on the right side."

LOVELY CRICKET

"Cricket, lovely cricket", the engaging cynic refrain will be the theme-song at the county houses of England's county grounds if things go as well as the second half of the season as they have in the first.

Attendances are up almost everywhere. "Our figures have risen by 25,000," say Middlesex. That is the biggest jump. But Essex report an increase of 7,500, and even Kent, though their form has been so disappointing, are about 1,000 on the right side.

And these figures take no account of membership, which, in most cases, is expanding. The ready-made explanation is, of course, that crowds come with the sun, and there has been plenty of sun this summer. But cricket is also calling on its own account, and in no uncertain voice.

For example, there was that superb all-round performance of Trevor Bailey for Essex: 130 runs for once out and 14 wickets for 81 against Hampshire. One also remembers the fastest century of the season, scored by Roy Marshall of Hampshire in 60 minutes.

The second half of the cricket season has only recently started—yet already soccer clubs are preparing for the football season. On grounds all over Britain it is knees-bend and arms-stretch as heavily sweated footballers work off excess fat.

But for one player—Johnny Haynes of Fulham and England—summer work is fairly necessary. "It's been a summer in training for the star whose 'Golden Boy' tag became somewhat tarnished last winter."

Says Haynes: "I decided it would be a good thing to keep in training during the summer. And I've never felt better at the start of a season's training."

NOT SO FIT

Not so fit at present is Ken Norris, Britain's fastest six-footer. He has been suffering with chest trouble for two months and has had three X-rays. He has decided to quit athletics for three months.

Says 26-year-old Norris: "I cannot take in enough oxygen and I find my legs keep giving out. I've had four and a half years' continuous athletics and I think a complete rest is the wisest thing."

His idea of complete rest? Ken will play cricket.

Have we seen the last of Oliver Van Rynveld as a South African Test cricketer? It seems so now that he has been nominated as the United Party candidate for a by-election which takes place on August 14. It is almost certain that he will be returned to Parliament. And in South Africa it is a tradition that politicians take no part in representative sport.

Van Rynveld captained South Africa against England last year when skipper Jackie McGlew was injured. Before his venture in politics he seemed the obvious choice as Test captain against Australia in the coming season.

The University of Villanova, near Philadelphia, has offered Michael Berisford, 21-year-old English Counties Middlesex Champion, a four-year university education if he will run for them.

His agent is Ron Delany, the Irish Olympic gold medalist, who already has an athletics scholarship with Villanova. Says Michael, son of a wealthy industrialist: "It is a most attractive offer and I would like to accept and take a commercial course." "I'm sorry," says Delany in the mile in the Dublin Civil Service Meeting. "I think I shall be."

The 66th Century Of His Career

London, July 24.

Jack Robertson, Middlesex's 40-year-old opening bat, hit 201 not out against Essex at Lord's here today to register the 66th century of his career.

He hit 28 boundaries in his innings, which lasted nearly five and a half hours. His polished knock enabled Middlesex to declared at 337 for six, and in reply Essex lost two wickets in making only ten runs.

At Walton, this season's Oxford captain, playing in his first Championship match for Middlesex, was caught off Essex's amateur bowler, Roy Ralph before scoring.

Another century-maker was Kent's left-handed opening bat, Bob Wilson, who made 146, including a six and 10 fours, against Somerset at Taunton.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

At Bournemouth: Hampshire 110 (Close four for 13). Yorkshire 100 for five.

At Lord's: Middlesex 337 for six declared (Robertson 201 not out). Essex 19 for two, (Parks 63). Glamorgan 33 for one.

At Birmingham: Warwickshire 287 for five. (Cartwright 84, Singh 68 not out) versus Scotland.

At Taunton: Kent 305 for nine declared (Wilson 146, Prestlove 66). Somerset 15 for one.

At Scarborough: Leicestershire 90 (Gardner 59, Caldwell five for 18). Worcestershire 94 for two.

At Nottingham: Nottinghamshire 350 (Poole 110 not out, Springfield 83) versus Gloucestershire.—Reuter.

Ibbotson Wins International Mile In 4:03.3

Manchester, July 24. Derek Ibbotson, of Britain, the world's fastest miler, won the International Mile event here tonight in 4 minutes 3.3 seconds. His time was 6.1 seconds outside his five-day-old world record, which has yet to be ratified.

Tom Courtney, American Olympic 100 Metres Champion, dropped out of the 1,000 metres race after one lap because of stomach trouble.

The event, won by Britain's Brian Hewson in 2 minutes 21.5 seconds, had been specially staged for Courtney, who in Sweden three weeks ago was only three-tenths of a second outside the world record.—Reuter.

A bit of a shock for he only beat me by two feet.

"Afterwards he said he would like to see me. We talked in his car for an hour."

Michael, who is the big track discovery of the season, is a 4-minute miler in the making. He gave the great Derek Ibbotson a shock in the Sward Trophy last May by taking the lead from him with 220 yards to go, although Ibbotson spurred again to win by three yards in 4 min. 0.2 sec.

He has two weeks in which to decide whether or not to accept the university's offer.

England's Amateur Athletic Association, while frowning on any athlete making something out of his sport, is expected to give its blessing to Berisford in the cause of education.

Four American athletes, visiting London recently, stepped into their hotel lift marked "Four persons only." It didn't rise an inch.

Joke over, the Americans stepped out again. Shot-putters Ken Bantam (17th), Joe Marchiony (18th 7th), discus thrower Jack Ellis (16th 7th) and Aubrey Lewis (14th).

Ellis said: "It wouldn't go up, but boy how it went down!" —London Express Service. (COPYRIGHT)

AMERICA NOW IN THE MIDST OF UNPRECEDENTED DRIVE FOR MORE TENNIS PLAYERS

By JACK CUDDY

New York, July 24.

The United States Lawn Tennis Association is now in the midst of an unprecedented drive for more players throughout the nation "from eight to 80" and for better US players in international competition.

Because of the fervour with which this four-way campaign is being conducted, perhaps the USLTA could give a vote of thanks to Australia. Unquestionably it was spurred by the Aussies' six out of seven Davis Cup triumphs in the 1950's.

Commenting upon the campaign today, President Renville H. McMann of the USLTA said, "It's true we hope to make the best showing possible in international competition; but actually, that aim is secondary to our desire for thousands of new players, particularly among boys and young men."

McMann believes that "Quantity will produce quality" ultimately in international play; and that view is shared wholeheartedly by his various committee chairmen. Meanwhile, they want tennis to become a great participant sport, second to none.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

The four major divisions of the club were listed by McMann as follows:

Abdul Khaliq Equals British Century Mark

London, July 24. Abdul Khaliq, the Pakistan sprinter, equalled the British all-comers record for the 100 yards with a time of 9.6 seconds during an international athletics meeting tonight at Manchester.

The record is already shared by the Americans, E. Conwell (1947) and L. Remigio (1954) and E. Macdonald Bailey of Trinidad (1947, 1950 and 1951).

G. Razik of Pakistan finished third in a 120 yards hurdles event at Manchester tonight. The winner was American E. Gilbert in 14.1 seconds. Second was Pat Hilditch of Britain in 14.6 seconds and third G. Razik in 14.9 seconds.

Britain's new mile record holder, Derek Ibbotson, won the International Mile event in 4 minutes, 3.3 seconds. He was suffering from a muscular dislocation in the right leg, but courageously beat off the challenges of his competitors, Ken Wood and Alan Gordon. Wood was second in 4 minutes, 4 seconds.

In the 100 yards dash won by Khaliq of Pakistan, B. Thomas of American also equalled the British all-comers record when he finished in 9.6 seconds, the same time as Khaliq. Britain's K. Bez equalled the British national record when he finished third in 9.8 seconds.

A new British national record was broken today, when A. Rowe won the shot-put event with a throw of 16.94 metres.—France-Press.

No Malayan Tour For Ferdinands

Colombo, July 25.

Ceylon's Davis Cup captain, Rupert Ferdinands, will not be able to compete in the Malayan and Interport Tennis Championships in August because of University examinations.

The team which probably will make the trip will be composed of Bernard Pinto, Rajah Prasad, Douglas Fonseka and P. S. Kumaran.

The Malayan Tennis Association has written to the Secretary of the Ceylon Lawn Tennis Association that they will pay one-way passage for two players of the Ceylon team.—United Press.

Touring HK Bowls Team Beaten By Harrodlans

Harrow, Surrey, July 24. The touring Harrodlans Lawn Bowls Association team were beaten 71-60 by Harrodlans, the London department store team, in a match here this evening. Scores in the three ends were:

1. Harrodlans 10 (S. Ramechand, A. Campbell, J. Tibbitt, T. Kavanagh). Harrodlans 20.
2. Harrodlans 12 (W. T. French, R. Gow, J. R. Sloan, A. G. Gardner). Harrodlans 22.
3. Harrodlans 15 (J. Woodard, R. C. Butler, J. A. Fox, C. J. Askew). Harrodlans 22.
Harrodlans' most consistent player of the match, while Butler also played brilliantly. Harrodlans were without Greenwood, who has a slightly strained back.—Reuter.

Two Eliminated From Tour Of West France Cycling Race

Paris, July 24. French cyclist Bernard Buell, today won the second stage of the Tour of West France cycling race from Nantes to La Roche Sur Yon and took over the leader's yellow sweater from Belgium's Julien Shapens.

Buell covered the 217 kilometres of the stage in 5 hours, 32 minutes, 33 seconds. Philippe Agut (France) finished second in the same time and yesterday's winner, Schepers (Belgium) won the pack sprint to finish third in 5 hours, 34 minutes, 51 seconds.

Britain's Brian Robinson and Ireland's Seamus Elliott both finished in the main pack with the same time as Schepers. Two Swiss riders, Grot and Carle, arrived long after the other competitors. Grot almost half an hour behind the winner and Carle over 50 minutes behind the winner. They were therefore eliminated from the race, leaving 78 in the race out of 89 starters.

Bernard Buell topped the general individual order tonight with a total time of 11 hours, 30 minutes, 55 seconds for the two stages. Philippe Agut was lying second with the same time. Julien Schepers, two other Belgian riders, Verbeke and Debiere, and the French riders, Jean Graucay and Louis Kosse were third ex-aequo with 11 hours, 37 minutes and 20 seconds.

Britain's Brian Robinson and Ireland's Seamus Elliott were 16th with a great number of other riders all with 11 hours, 38 minutes and 18 seconds.—France-Press.

Two Newcomers In W. Indies Possibles For Fourth Test

London, July 24.

The West Indies team for the Fourth Test at Leeds tomorrow will be chosen from: Goddard (captain), Walcott, Worrell, Weekes, Parris, Kanhai, Sobers, Smith, Alexander, Ramadhin, Valentine, Gilchrist and Dewdney.

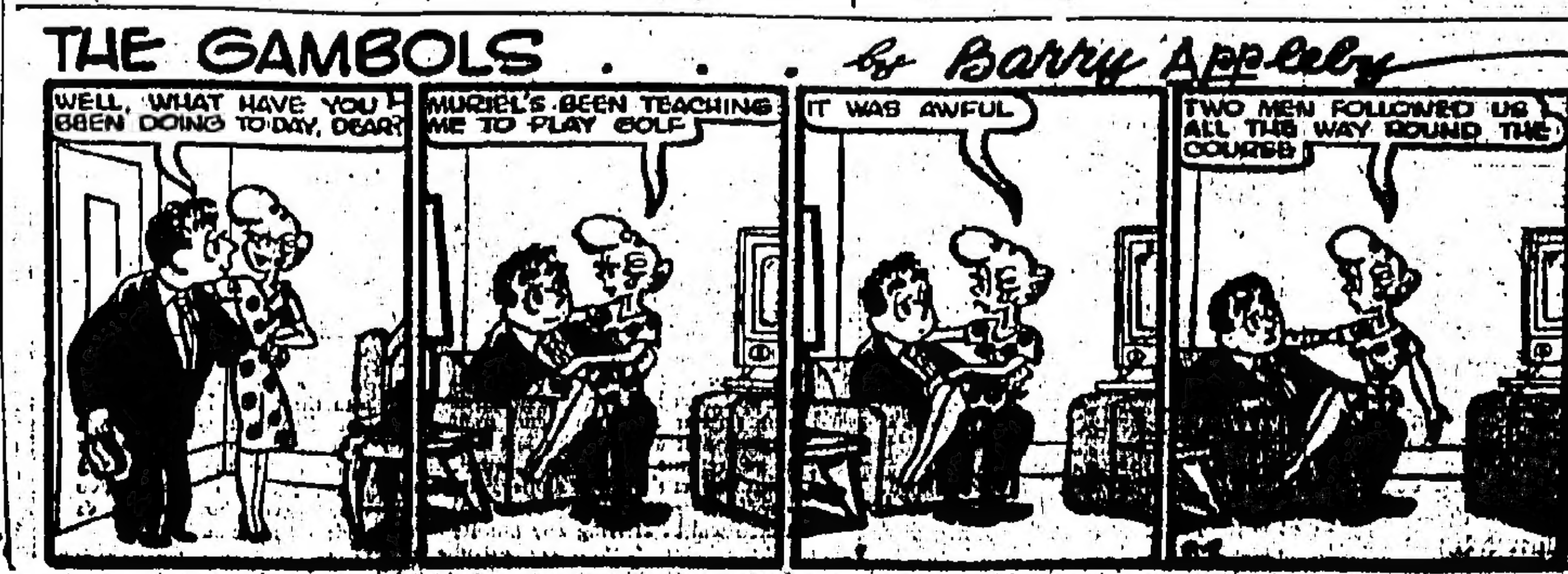
Compared with the team that drew at Trent Bridge, there are two newcomers, Tom Dewdney, the tall fast-bowler, and Frank Alexander, right-hand bat and wicket-keeper.

Only one man who played in the Third Test will be absent tomorrow. He is all-rounder Denis Atkinson, who had the misfortune to pull rock and shoulder muscles in the match against Middlesex yesterday at Lord's.

The selection of Dewdney would point to his choice as partner to Gilchrist, also a long-felt want. With the wicket fast and true, and likely to last the five days, Dewdney is expected to be preferred to Valentine, who has not yet reproduced his form of the previous tour when, with Sonny Ramadhin, he was a constant thorn in the English side.

The weather forecast for the Leeds Test is promising. The local RAF meteorological office stated that after possibly early drizzle, tomorrow should be generally dry and cloudy, with some bright periods.

Mainly dry weather is expected for the first two days of the match.—France-Press.



OPEN SINGLES QUARTER-FINALISTS FROM EIGHT DIFFERENT CLUBS

Second Division Player The 'Dark Horse'

By "TOUCHER"

Perhaps for the first time in the history of the Colony Open Singles Lawn Bowls Championship, representatives from eight different clubs will be seen in action in the quarter-final stage of the event, which was reached yesterday with four more ties played off.

A feature of yesterday's games, which saw U. A. Rumjahn (IRC), T. E. Baker (KCC), R. Gourlay (KDC) and F. A. Santos (FC) join Raoul Luz (Recreio), C. C. Ma (CCC), B. Douglass (TC) and G. F. Leslie (KBGC) in the last eight, was the decisive win scored by each of the winners.

Chicago White Sox Down Yankees 7-2 To Square Three Game Series

New York, July 24.

Billy Pierce, the Chicago White Sox hard-throwing left-hander, came through in the clutch today with a seven-hitter that enabled his teammates to beat the New York Yankees, 7-2, and square their current three-game series at one victory apiece.

The win, less than 24 hours after Mickey Mantle took the Sox apart almost single-handedly, cut the Yankees' American League lead to 4½ games and renewed Chicago's hopes of a close pennant race.

The Boston Red Sox beat the Kansas City Athletics, 6-5, and the Chicago Cubs downed the New York Giants, 2-1, in the

Tanny Campo Scores Points Decision Over Italian

Rome, July 24.

Philippines bantam-weight Tanny Campo tonight beat Gianni Zuccas of Italy on points in a ten-round contest here.

Campo won easily and his victory left no doubt as to which man was the better fighter. The Italian tried to force the fight at the start but Campo held his man easily and kept the fight at long range.

During the first seven rounds the Filipino steadily notched up a points lead with his more accurate punching and cleverer ringcraft.

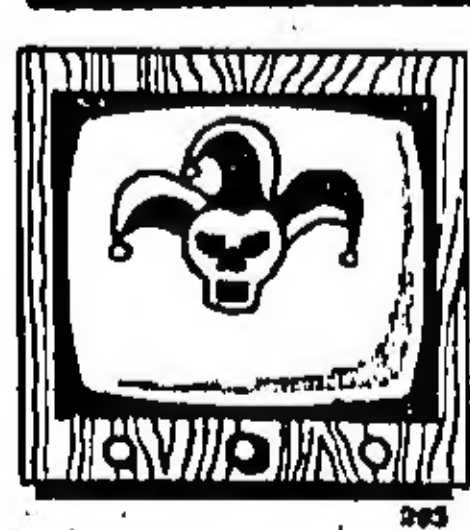
In the eighth round Campo went to work on the Italian, raining blows on Zuccas and driving him helplessly around the ring. Only the Italian's courage kept him on his feet.

In the ninth round Zuccas was handicapped by an injury to his right hand. Campo slowed down the pace a little but, by far the fresher man, he increased his lead and carried the fight to a comfortable win. —France-Press.

EVANS' AMBITION

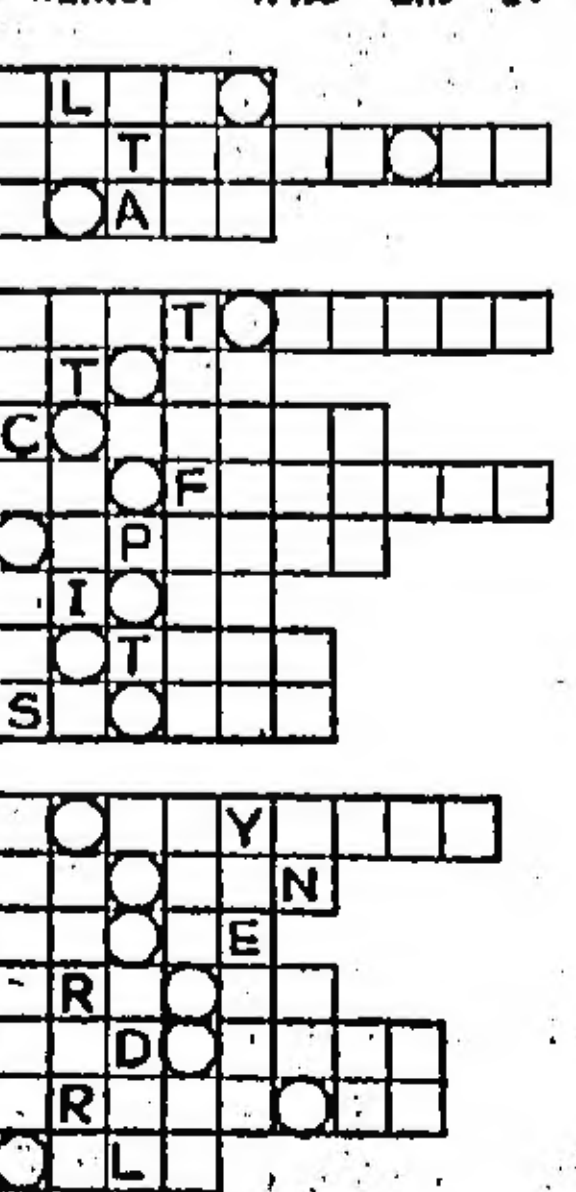
Godfrey Evans, the Kent and England wicketkeeper, has one more big ambition to achieve. He wants to play in more Tests than any other player in cricket history. Wally Hammond leads the way with a total of 85. Sir Len Hutton played for England 79 times, and Evans' aggregate at the moment is 76. Ten more for the record; injury apart, he should do it easily on present form, for he has no near rival.

NAMESAKES



- 1 With toys?
- 2 Amuses
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INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?



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Sports Diary

TODAY
Ladies' Championships at KCC and KCC at 8.30 p.m.

TOMORROW
Police Bridge Tournament at Chinese Club, Bank of Canton, 6.30 p.m.

Handball
Police Tournament: PRC "A" v Marine, 8 p.m.; PRC v Shamshoo, 8 p.m.; N.Y. v Kaimai, 8 p.m.

PENNSYLVANIA TENNIS Mike Green Misses Victory By A Hairline

Philadelphia, July 24.
Neale Fraser of Australia had to fight off two match points before defeating Mike Green, 20-year-old Davis Cup player from Miami Beach, Florida, in the 58th annual Pennsylvania Tennis Championships today.

Fraser, second seeded foreign player behind Australian Champion Ashley Cooper, finally outlasted the UCLA student in the two-hour match, 6-11, 6-4, 10-8. Green missed victory by a hairline in the third set when at 5-4 match point he lobbed over Fraser's head but the ball barely skimmed over the baseline and Fraser saved the game. Green got to another match point at 6-4 when Fraser netted a backhand volley but Green returned a serve out of court off the wood of his racket.

Fraser strengthened at the end, however, winning the 18th game at love with four straight placements and scoring the final point with a spectacular backhand shot down the middle of the run.

Cooper put on a powerful display to defeat Roger Worcester, 16-year-old UCLA sophomore from Los Angeles, 6-0, 6-1. Top seeded American entrant Vic Seixas of Philadelphia defeated Arthur Andrews of Iowa City, 6-1, 6-2, and Karel Kamo, Japan, defeated Straight Clark, 6-3, 6-3, 1-6, 7-5. —United Press.

Goodwood Stakes Acceptors With Weights

London, July 24.
Twenty-three first and final acceptors with weights for the Goodwood Stakes to be run over two miles three furlongs at Goodwood on Wednesday, July 31, are:

Doubled Red, 9 stones four pounds; Diamond Slipper and French Design both 8-13; Teacher 8-12; Saphos and Dornello 8-11; Combant 8-0; Persian Flag 8-7; Edward the Third 7-12; Bonhomie 7-10; Toldy, Pique, Larian and Parsons 7-4; Gudmen-armist 7-3; Adams Walk 7; Valencia 6-13; Obverse 6-3; Zamose and British Commando 6-7.

Nine first and final acceptors with weights for the Goodwood Cup to be run over two miles five furlongs at Goodwood on Thursday, August 1, are:

Hornbeam, Cabalist, Macle, Dormello, Fil Rouge, Donald, Thunderbolt, Brasidas, Tenterhooks, all carry nine stone except Tenterhooks 7-10. —China Mail Special.

Ichiro Ogimura Beaten By NZ Champion

Wellington, July 25.
Ogimura, Japan's former world table tennis champion, was beaten by R. V. Jackson, Australian and New Zealand Champion, in an exhibition match at Hamilton last night. Jackson won 21-17, 21-15, 21-17. —Reuter.

JESSE CARVER SWOPS HIS JOB FOR £5,000-A-YEAR 'REFRESHER'

Italy... The Craziest Set-Up In Soccer

By ROBERT FINDLAY

Fantastic! Crazy! Mad! That describes the Italian soccer set-up into which Toni Marchi steps after he signed a transfer form for Signor Gigi Peronace, the globe-trotting agent for several Italian First Division clubs, at Tottenham recently.

The transfer of Marchi to Lanerossi Vicenza is reported to be costing the Italians £42,000—£35,000 for Spurs, £7,000 for Marchi—but that's chicken feed in Italy these days.

Even John Charles, who pocketed a £10,000 signing-on fee when he joined Juventus, does not know what it is to be in the money in Italian football. Yet Italian football is virtually bankrupt. Finance has no logical basis. Clubs are billions of lire in debt.

Soccer is kept going in Italy by football-mad millionaires who, for business or social reasons, pour their wealth into the clubs.

Men like Achille Lauro, the shipowner (Naples), Umberto Agnelli (Juventus and Fiat), and Renato Scerdotti, of Roma, a financier and banker.

So while Italy has 2,000,000 unemployed, its star footballers can still live like princes.

MEET ENRIQUE —£95,000 MAN

Princes like Enrique Sivori, the Argentinian inside-left, a darling 22-year-old, who blended as superbly with Big John on tour with Juventus in Sweden. He cost £94,000 with one-third of that as his signing-on fee.

Then there's Julinho, the splendid Brazilian outside right, who is still in the midst of a Hamlet-like negotiation with Fiorentina, of Florence.

Julinho can't make up his mind whether or not to come back from Brazil and rejoin his club for a signing-on fee of £30,000.

Topsy-turvy football, and perhaps the case of Jesse Carver, former manager of Coventry, illustrates the point.

When Carver left England for Italy in 1955 on the ground that Coventry did not suit his wife's health, it was understood he would be joining Internazionale of Milan.

Along came the Lazio club with their millionaire president, Count Vasselli (out of the game now and mourning over his depleted bank balance), and an offer which would make Rome good for anybody's health!

The Internazionale president, Comandatore Moratti, was so mad that he swore publicly:

"Carver's way is the only effective one... He gets his results, takes his money, and then he moves on to another club before things can turn against him."

"Carver will never manage 'Inter'... If he's the last manager alive."

And here am I to report that Carver is leaving Lazio to join Internazionale for such reported inducements as a £5,000 annual signing-on fee, £300 a month salary, plus match bonuses, plus free apartments, plus three free trips to England each year.

Italy has not been doing well in the international sphere. Severe defeats in Yugoslavia and Portugal ended in everyone shouting "Panico!" and looking for the scapegoats. They found them—the foreign influence.

Not, I must emphasize, the British influence. Our stock has never been so high in Italy since Lawton, Morrison, and Co. thrashed the Italians 4-0 at Turin in 1949.

But all foreigners are blamed just the same, though there's one loophole—orlandi. This allows players of foreign nationality of Italian descent to

play in Italy providing they are under 25 years old.

That's why Marchi is eligible to slip into the big money. He is of Italian descent.

Most people here expect Italy to line-up in Belfast next December in their vital World Cup match against Ireland with Marchi at left half.

If Tony makes good here he won't stay with Lanerossi Vicenza for long. The club is wealthy—it is sponsored by the Lanerossi textile firm—but it is not among the highest payers.

How long can the Italian paradise last? Lazio are a billion lire in debt; Roma, now to be managed by Alec Stock, owe several hundred thousand pounds.

Crowds on the whole are very low except in Rome and Milan, and skyscraper admission prices can only partly make up for lack of numbers.

THEY ALL FLOP —EXCEPT JESSE

Over the last 10 years, a string of British managers, and a number of players (Johnny Jordan, Frank Rowell, Paddy Stann, among them) have tried and failed to stay upright on the Italian roller-coaster.

All except Jesse Carver, who moves steadily and purposefully from one big job to another. Internazionale is his seventh Italian club since 1949.

So good luck, Marchi. The streets of Rome are paved with gold... so long as you're a success.

And thanks to Brian Glanville for the statistics he sends me from Florence on this Italian midsummer madness. —(London Express Service). (COPYRIGHT)

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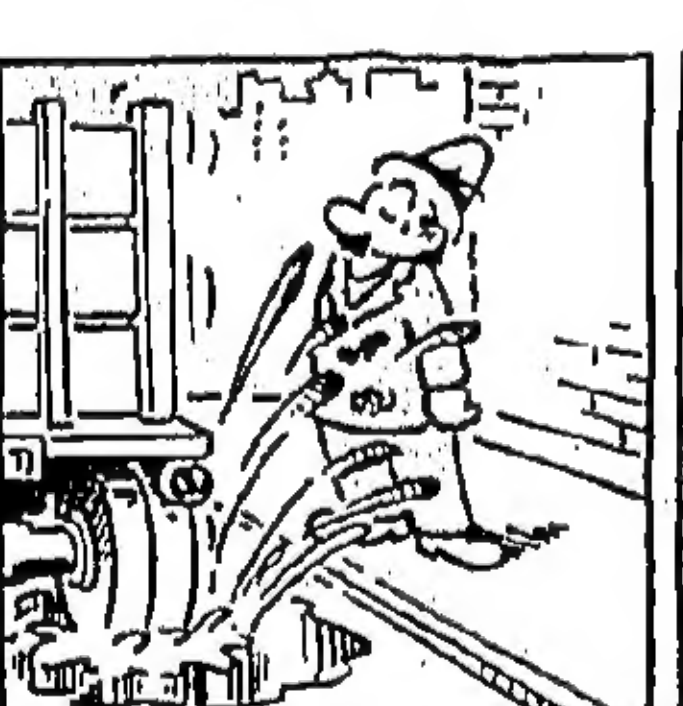
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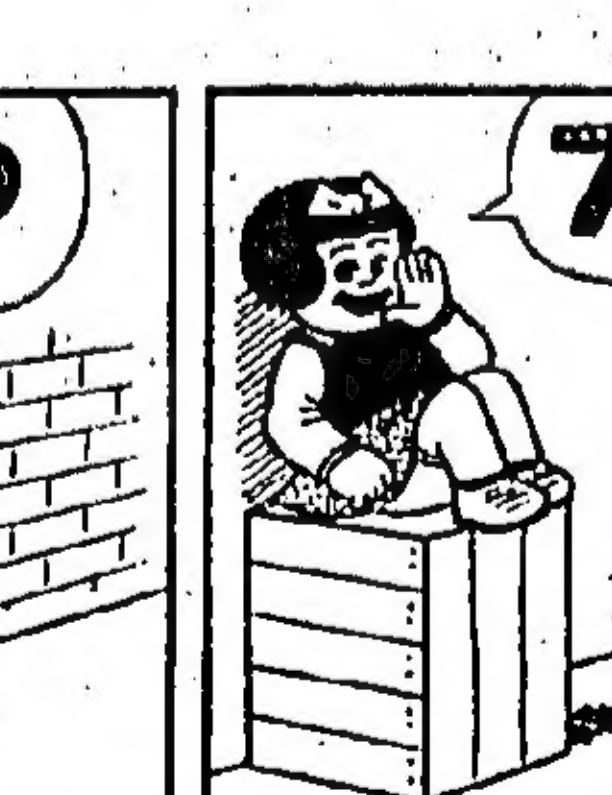
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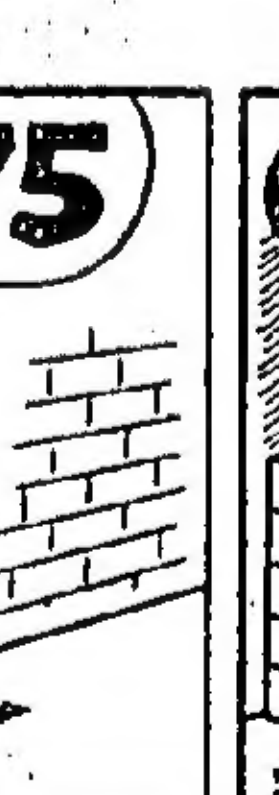
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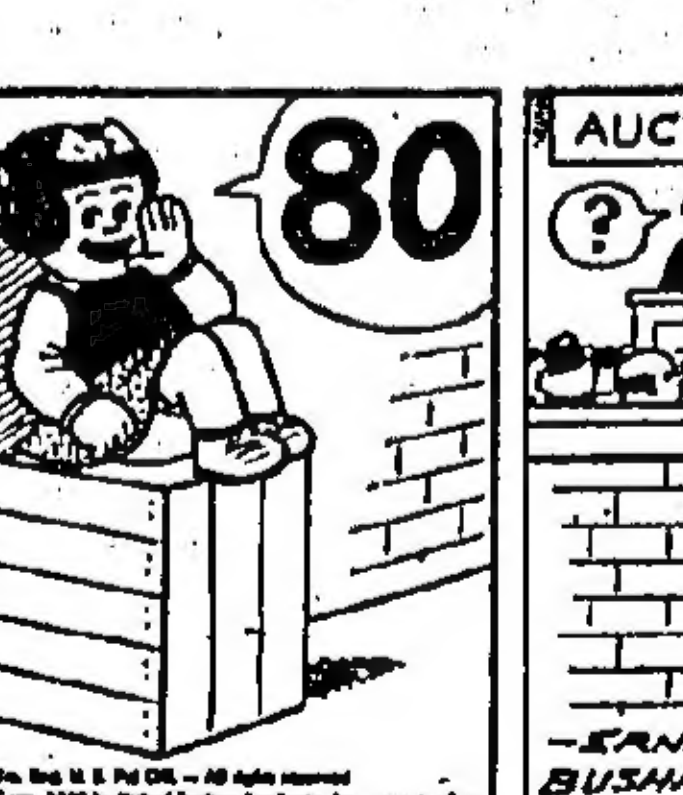
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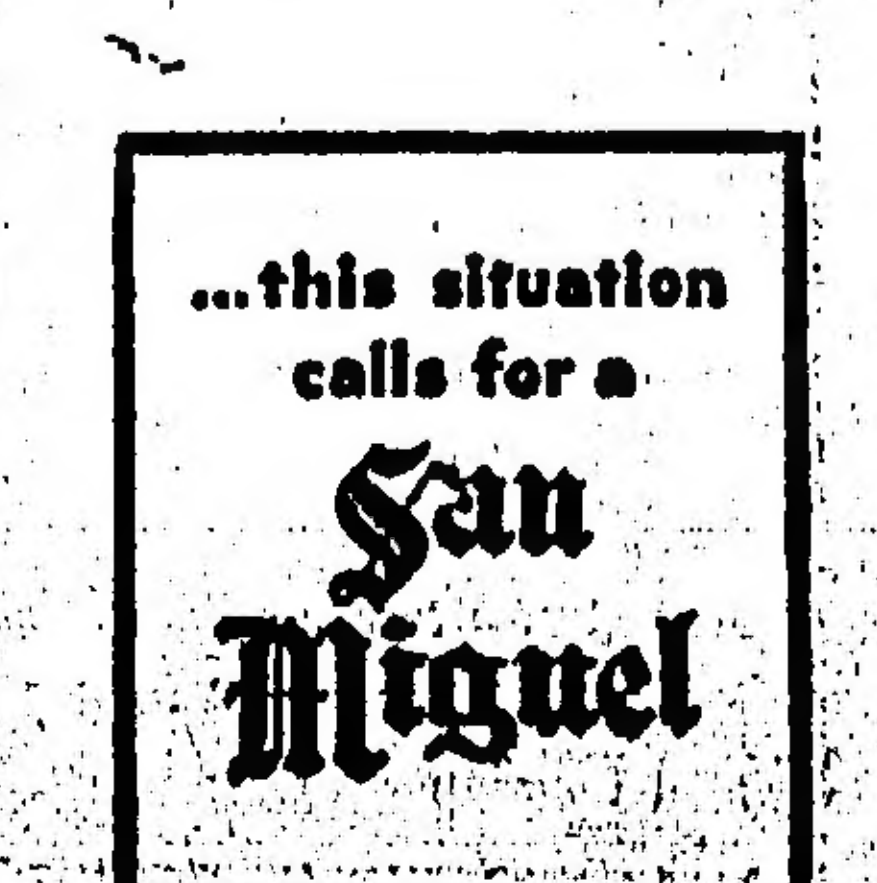
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ONLY THE RICE TASTES LIKE THE RICE AT HOME

Writes David Wong
From London
(Oh, for Home Cooking!)



THE Chinese visitor to London quickly discovers two things—how much a good Chinese meal means to him and how difficult it is to find one. No matter how indifferent he used to be towards Chinese food in Hongkong or how accustomed he is to Western food, if he does not cook himself, he finds the drift towards a Chinese restaurant almost irresistible.

There seems to be no scientific theory to explain this. Perhaps it has something to do with psychology and a little bit to do with patriotism. Chinese meals probably remind him of his home and emphasise his own Chinese-ness. Or perhaps it is a reflection on English cooking.

Bold Front

But whatever the reason, the urge is there, so much so that his first meal in London is likely to be eaten in a Chinese restaurant—probably as the guest of some Chinese friend.

But he eats without relish. The chicken soup tastes like lukewarm water; the sweet and sour pork tastes neither sweet nor sour; the stewed beef tastes like army rations slightly burned. Only the rice tastes like the rice at home.

In the face of all this, he puts up a bold front, however. He may even smile at the host while choice invectives flash through his mind. How can he

stomp so low? How can he be such a cheap skate? Really! Taking one to a fifth-rate restaurant for a welcoming dinner!

But no matter how intolerable the food is, the chances are that he will be back at that same restaurant on the morrow, because that restaurant is, for the time being, the only source of food vaguely resembling that of his native diet.

So he hangs on to this one thread for dear life, like some modern Theodosius, while he rambles through the labyrinth of London in search of new pastures. For one good Chinese meal he is prepared to do battle with a dozen Minotaur.

At last he finds a Chinese restaurant. He dashes in salivating like Pavlov's dog. Visions of birds' nest soup, Peking duck, almond chicken, and roast suckling pig dance before his eyes. He settles himself comfortably in his chair and casually examines the menu.

Many Splendoured

What! "Chop Suey a la New York," "Alice in Wonderland," "A Many-Splendoured Thing"? Surely this must be some mistake. He takes his brains for the Chinese equivalents. He finds none.

He examines the menu again. Somewhere buried among the strange names he finds one with a familiar ring. He orders it and waits with bated breath.

His apprehensions mount by the minute. Acorns seem to elapse before the food arrives. He tastes it and his fears are confirmed. It tastes no better than the last restaurant, perhaps decidedly worse. He looks at the other Chinese customers. They are crowding their food in soya sauce. He does likewise, gobbles it down, and leaves.

Food Parcels

The experiment is repeated several times, but the result remains the same. And with each passing day, his desperation grows. He throws caution to the winds. He tries anything, anywhere, at any price. He rushes in to places where angels fear to tread. He almost has to apply for Point Four aid in order to get out—and the food tastes no better anyway.

After two weeks of such gallant endeavours a feeling of quiet resignation sets in. He decides to try cooking himself. And round about this time, letters home are likely to contain many plans for food parcels of Chinese products and condiments.

But the food parcels will not arrive for at least a month or two. Meanwhile there is nothing to do but to go back to the old routine. Meals are an agony. Such plebeian fare at home like ch'hi shao and noodles appears tantalisingly good in retrospect.

But one thing good about Chinese restaurants in London is that he will not have to suffer alone. His fellow expatriates abound in every one of them and very quickly a spirit of affinity, of sympathetic understanding develops between them. They begin to nod and smile to one another. They begin to engage in polite conversation. Acquaintance may develop into friendship. But any direct comment on the nature and quality of Chinese food in London is looked upon as shockingly bad taste. It is only possible to hint around the subject with statements like: "Of course, this is not Hongkong," or "I suppose they have to cater to foreigners as well," or "It is still better than nothing."

Ecstasies

By the time the food parcels arrive, the firm resolution of yesterday has melted away. His savage rebellion has given place to Oriental fatalism. He has become conditioned to the fact. He may have even reached the point where he will invite British friends out for a "Chinese" meal.

But as his British friends go into ecstasies over some completely un-Chinese abomination, he begins to wonder if they are just being polite, as he has been, or whether they really like the stuff. If the former, he hopes they understand. If the latter, oh well, he forgives them. After all, they ARE foreigners!

Full Court Dismisses Appeal

The Full Court this morning dismissed with costs an appeal against a judgment of Mr Justice T. J. Gould in an action involving the business of a rubber factory.

The Chief Justice, Mr Justice M. J. Hogan, and the Puceno Judge, Mr Justice C. W. Reese, comprised the Court.

Mr Justice Gould had awarded judgment in favour of the plaintiffs in the action, holding that the business of the De Luxe Rubber Factory had been transferred to the defendants within the meaning of the Fraudulent Transfers of Businesses Ordinance.

The appellants, who were the defendants, were T.O. Wong and Co., Ltd. of Prince's Building; Yeung Sook-lee, of 95 Jervois Street, second floor; and the Tung Yee Trading Co., of 95 Jervois Street.

The respondents (plaintiffs) were Leung Pui, trading as the Fat Lee Firm, of 93 Aplu Street, Kowloon, and the firm of Tai Sing, of China Building.

The Hon. Leo d'Almeida, QC, and Mr Richard Winter, represented the appellants, instructed by Hastings and Co. The respondents are represented by Mr Brook Bernacchi and Mr Terence Shurlock, instructed by P. C. Woo and Co.

Mr Justice Gould had held that the appellants and others were liable by virtue of section 3(1) of the Fraudulent Transfers of Businesses Ordinance (Cap. 49), to pay to respondents the sum of \$16,000 and \$32,000 respectively, together with interest thereon.

ADVICE TO TEACHERS

The Catholic Teachers 10th Annual Summer School held at Wah Yan College, Kowloon, was officially opened by the Director of Education, the Hon. D.J.P. Crozier, this morning.

Mr Crozier addressed the gathering of approximately 40 teachers and spoke on the "Association between Education and Christianity, morality, especially in relation to, together with adult members of society, rather than as instructors of the young."

Last Night's Harmonica Recital FAREWELL TO LAU MOK

THE harmonica is gradually being accepted as a solo instrument in its own right and several classical compositions have been written specially for it. The recital last night by Lau Mok at the Queen Elizabeth School certainly showed some of the potentialities of this instrument.

Mr Lau chose a most ambitious programme consisting mainly of music either written or arranged for the violin. It seems reasonable, therefore, to compare for a moment these two instruments.

The harmonica is capable of producing a fairly wide range of different tones according to how far the player's hands are cupped behind the instrument. The difference between the cupped and uncupped hands can be compared to the difference between a muted and an unmuted violin.

Most Creditable

However, even with the most dextrous tonguing, the harmonica cannot produce the same range of effects that a violinist can with his bow.

The volume range of a harmonica is also more restricted as any tendency to overblow (or overdraw) tends to distort the tone and the pitch of the note produced.

Bearing in mind these limitations, Mr Lau gave a most creditable performance. He has a

great love and understanding of music and certainly his interpretations were most pleasing even to a critical musical ear.

The first item in the programme was sonata in F major by Vercini. Mr Lau played this with a restraint and delicacy which were a joy to hear.

However, I did find the vibrato effect on sustained notes rather trying and somewhat similar to that of a warbling soprano. To produce this vibrato, the degree of cupping of the hands around the instrument is varied. I should like to ask Mr Lau if it is not possible to produce a much less pronounced and slower vibrato more in keeping with this type of music. Otherwise I, personally, would prefer to hear no vibrato.

The first half of the programme also contained two arrangements by Kreisler and a concerto in G Major by Gluck. In this last work I should particularly like to mention the cadenzas as deserving special

praise; they certainly could not be easy to play on a harmonica.

The second half of the programme consisted of music by more modern composers. Several of these items gave Mr Lau the opportunity of displaying his virtuosity and control of his instrument.

The Rest

The whole programme was well-balanced and arranged. Throughout, the accompaniment was played by Professor Harry Oso with his usual great competence and restraint.

One of the most valuable results of a concert of this kind is that many people, especially youngsters, who would not bother to go, say, to a violin recital come to hear a harmonica and hear a very good performance of good music.

With last night's recital we say good-bye to Lau Mok for the time being. He has won a scholarship to study music in the USA and will shortly be leaving us to take this up. Our very best wishes go with him.

— R. A. BONES.

TODAY'S COMPETITION PICTURE



Here is today's published competition entry. This unusual shot of the BOAC Bristol Britannia during her recent inaugural flight to the Colony was submitted to the China Mail photo competition by Mr J. C. Allen of Kowloon. The caption is Britannia's Hongkong stop. Another photograph will be published in tomorrow's China Mail. You have nine days left to send in your entries.

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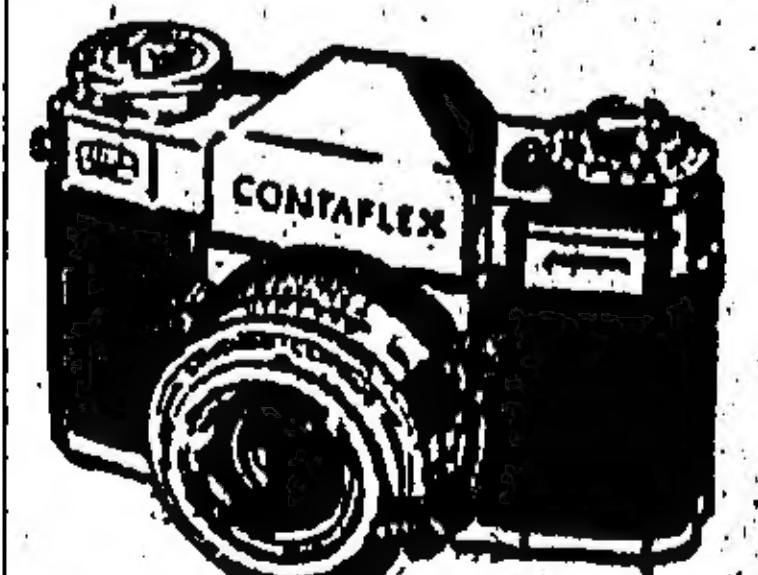
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METROPOLE and STAR: "Ruk": War against terrorists in the Philippines. George Montgomery, Mona Freeman.

QUEEN'S and ALHAMBRA: "Caypo Heat Wave": From the same stable as the "Rock" and "Cha-Cha" pictures. It features singer Johnny Desmond, dancer Joel Gray and a rhythm group called The Tremors.

ROXY and BROADWAY: "Sea Wife": Three men in a boat with one woman. Joan Collins, Richard Burton, Basil Sydney, Cy Grant.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

TUC CRITICAL OF 'SUPER-COURT' PLAN COTTON FUTURES

General Council Neither Approves Nor Disapproves

London, July 24.

Leaders of the Trades Union Congress declared tonight that "fundamental differences" between the Government and workers could not be removed by the setting up of an independent body on productivity, prices and incomes.

The General Council, governing body of the eight-million-strong Congress, said this in a statement sent to Mr Peter Thorneycroft, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

SLOW DOWN OF CANADA'S ECONOMIC BOOM

Montreal, July 24. Canada's economic boom slowed down during the first half of the year from the 1956 pace although expansionary forces were still evident, the Bank of Montreal said today in its monthly business review for July.

Sales in some industries levelled out and some reductions were noted, but the large and still rising volume of capital investment in new plant equipment and housing is continuing, the review said.

Estimates were being raised in uranium, petroleum development and pipelines.

INFLATIONARY

The inflationary tendency was pointed up by the steady rise of the consumer price index, the Bank said. On June 1, the index stood at 121.6 a rise of 3.2 per cent from the comparable figure last year.

"Further evidence of inflationary pressure is to be found in Canada's balance of merchandise trade with other countries. Imports have continued to rise thus far in 1957 and to the end of May amounted to \$2,487,000,000 as against \$2,350,000,000 in the same period of 1956."

The 1957 trade deficit to the end of May was 521 million, about 41 million above that of the first five months of last year, the Bank said.—United Press.

LONDON LACKS INTEREST

London, July 24.

Markets had an uninteresting day; turnover at 10,370 bargains recorded was only a shade higher than yesterday's which was the lowest this month.

Only trend displayed was in British Governments which were sold enough to lower them by 1/4 or 1/2 sterling.

Industrialists enjoyed moderate selective buying which raised prices 3 to 6 pence. Department Stores were mostly a bit higher with the exception of John Bakers which fell 8 pence. Several steels gained a shilling.

WENT AHEAD

Oil went ahead except for some of the Trinidad issues which suffered profit-taking. Royal Dutch improved 1/2 sterling to 24 1/2.

Dollar stocks were active while the premium rose 2 pence to 10 per cent before closing at 18 1/2.

Foreign bonds have apparently lost their market for a number of weeks. Both European and Far Eastern attracted little attention. The effects in part a lack of interest on the continental bourses.—United Press.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately 980,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
HSBC	1000	100	97
Bank of China	100	100	100
Union	100	100	100
Waterworks	100	100	100
Electric	100	100	100
Gas	100	100	100
Telephone	100	100	100
Land	100	100	100
Insurance	100	100	100
Shipping	100	100	100
Wool	100	100	100
Gold	100	100	100
Silver	100	100	100
Diamonds	100	100	100
Jewellery	100	100	100
Art	100	100	100
Antiques	100	100	100
Books	100	100	100
Records	100	100	100
Paintings	100	100	100
Stamps	100	100	100
Coins	100	100	100
Medals	100	100	100
Commodities	100	100	100
Grains	100	100	100
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C. Light 100 100 100 100

Electric 100 100 100 100

Macao 100 100 100 100

Telephone 100 100 100 100

INDUSTRIALS

Cement 100 100 100 100

Stores, ETC.

Dairy 100 100 100 100

Wool 100 100 100 100

Textiles 100 100 100 100

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ANOTHER SLOW SESSION ON WALL STREET

New York, July 24.

Stocks plodded through another slow session with trading the lightest in more than three months and with most leading issues moving only a fraction either way.

Rail shares stood out as bright spots on the upside, paced by Baltimore & Ohio which climbed 2 points to \$56 1/2 in the day's heaviest trading.

The oil was chief soft spot, with declines running to more than 2 points in Barge. Volume of 1,730,000 shares lagged 100,000 shares behind Tuesday at the smallest total since April 1.

American Stock Exchange sales dropped to 610,000 shares from 840,000 yesterday.

Bond volume amounted to \$3,050,000 against \$3,270,000 yesterday.

Closing Prices

Allied Chemicals 100 100 100 100

Am. Gas & Electric 100 100 100 100

Am. Mach. & Foundry 100 100 100 100

American Metal 100 100 100 100

American Smelting 100 100 100 100

American Tel. & Tel. 100 100 100 100

American Tobacco 100 100 100 100

Anacostia Copper 100 100 100 100

Armour 100 100 100 100

Atlas Corp. Mining 100 100 100 100

Baldwin-Lima-Locke 100 100 100 100

Baltimore & Ohio 100 100 100 100

Beneficial Finance 100 100 100 100

Bendix Aviation Corp. 100 100 100 100

Bentley Corp. 100 100 100 100

Borg-Warner 100 100 100 100

Borden (The) Co. 100 100 100 100

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CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

Chicago, July 24.

Grains were mixed at the close of an inactive session of the Board of Trade today.

The market opened about steady with wheat and oats showing strength at mid-morning. Prices in wheat became lower in late dealings.

Buying by exporters and flour mills and short covering helped raise some wheat prices. Hodge selling lowered some corn futures although export house buying was reported.

COVERING

Short covering brought a rally to soybeans following a drop of almost two cents a bushel early in the day. The Sept. contract showed independent strength.

Prices in oats showed small gains with elevator house buying, especially in the December delivery.

India bought an estimated 1,750,000 bushels of US wheat and one million bushels of Canadian wheat. The Sept. contract showed independent strength.

Grains at outside markets were irregular. Wheat closed off 1/4 to 1/2 cent for new.

Soybeans closed up 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 cent.

Prices closed all in cents per bushel as follows:

Wheat, No. 2, red (old) 100 100 100 100

Wheat, No. 2, yellow 100 100 100 100

